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‘My ministry is service’: Michelle Louise Bicking, Connecticut’s Green Party candidate for governor, wants to bring social justice and humanity to the state



Michelle Louise Bicking is running for governor in the 2022 election on the Green Party ticket. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

DON’T CALL HER

A POLITICIAN

By **Alison Cross** | Hartford Courant

Michelle Louise Bicking doesn’t want to be known as a politician. “I’m not a politician,” Bicking said. “I am a social worker. My ministry is service — that is the hill that I die on.”

Bicking, the Green Party candidate for Connecticut governor, said that she can offer something that the state needs — a focus on people, not profit. “I do believe I can be governor of this state. And perhaps they do need a social worker more than they do a businessman because a businessman is looking at those quarter benefits. They’re not looking exactly at how that actually affects the day-to-day lives of working people — that is my life’s work,” Bicking said.

Bicking described her political ideology as one that revolves around social justice, human rights and a global perspective of humanity. She supports equitable school systems, expanded public transportation, affordable housing, universal health care, paid parental leave, environmental conservation, renewable energy, banning styrofoam and the cancelation of fossil fuel subsidies, to name a handful of the many issues Bicking hopes to tackle as governor.

Bicking said that unlike her Democratic and Republican challengers, Gov. Ned Lamont and Bob Stefanowski, she understands the struggles of the Connecticut people.

“To me, Stefanowski and Lamont are the same in terms of their value system and their priorities. They’re rich white men who are incredibly and completely removed from this,” Bicking said,

gesturing to the city streets beyond a Hartford coffeeshop at the intersection of the Clay Arsenal, Asylum Hill and downtown neighborhoods.

“I know nothing but this. I grew up in this. They have no idea in their nice, pristine little bubble of privilege, what it’s like to have to make Uber runs on the weekends so I can pay my water bill. They don’t know what it’s like to be homeless, post-surgery with no services in a hotel room with your son and not knowing what to do, or how you’re going to manage, or what you’re going to eat for the next day. They don’t know what that’s like,” Bicking said.

Bicking said that it’s time to address the cracks that have been eating at Connecticut’s progressive, blue wall for decades that policymakers have either overlooked or failed to act on.

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— Michelle Louise Bicking

DISAPPEARANCE OF JENNIFER FARBER DULOS

Defense

says state

coy with

evidence

Troconis attorney argues prosecutors have delayed sharing details of case

By **Edmund H. Mahony**
Hartford Courant

The lawyer for Michelle Troconis complained in court Thursday that the prosecution has been slow in providing her defense team with evidence they intend to use against her, including details about a telephone call she took from Greece on the day authorities claim she helped her ex-boyfriend Fotis Dulos kill his wife and cover up the crime.

The call, the subject of substantial investigation, was made on May 24, 2019, by Dulos’ childhood friend Andreas Toutziaridis to Dulos’ cellphone. Troconis answered the call at the home she and Dulos then shared in Farmington.

Troconis’ lawyer, Jon Schoenhorn, argued in a new court filing Thursday that information he has been provided by the prosecution suggests that Toutziaridis was “a potential co-conspirator” in Jennifer Farber Dulos’s disappearance and apparent murder.

Troconis denies any involvement in the disappearance and Schoenhorn said he needs all investigative records concerning the call to determine whether the records support her claim of innocence.

At a remote, video hearing in Superior Court in Stamford on Wednesday, Schoenhorn renewed a demand that the prosecution provide him with more information about its case, including what he

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WHAT’S NEXT?: State police have charged Michelle Troconis with conspiring with Fotis Dulos to commit murder and trying to help him avoid arrest by concealing evidence. She is free on a \$2.1 million bond and could be tried this fall.

EAST HARTFORD

Teen drowns

in public pool

after closing

By **Mike Mavredakis**
Hartford Courant

EAST HARTFORD — A 16-year-old East Hartford resident was pronounced dead after being pulled from a public pool after midnight on Thursday, according to police.

Police were called to the site on a report that juveniles were inside the fenced area of Terry Pool. While traveling to the pool police received a report that someone may be underwater, police said.

When they arrived, they jumped the fence and found the juveniles trying to pull a male from the water, police said. Officers were able to get the unresponsive teen out of the water and began to perform CPR until medics arrived.

The teen was transported to Connecticut Children’s and was later pronounced dead, police said.

He was identified by police as Tresor Boroze, 16, from East Hartford.

Police are treating the death as an accident at this time, they said.

“We are working with law enforcement to understand just how this tragedy occurred,” East Hartford Mayor Mike Walsh said. “At this time our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the victim.”

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Democrats find compromise after clash

Manchin: Reform energy permits, or ‘there is no bill’

By **Emily Cochrane**
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, who had been the chief Democratic holdout on a climate, health, energy and tax increase package that is the backbone of his party’s agenda, said Thursday that he had relented and agreed to sign on after concluding that it would help combat inflation, as top Democrats toiled to rally support to quickly pass the measure.

President Joe Biden declared his support Thursday for the “historic” inflation-fighting agreement, saying the \$739 billion bill, which had long eluded the White House and seemed all but lost, will be a “godsend” for American families.

He acknowledged the final product was a compromise, but was upbeat that



Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., holds an online news conference Thursday in Washington after a positive test for COVID-19. Manchin said his objections to the proposed bill concerning inflation were allayed by his advisors. **HAIYUN JIANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

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UConn football set to open camp

UConn football fall camp opens Friday with the much-anticipated first game of the Jim Mora “revolution” — a road trip to Utah State on Aug. 27 — less than a month away. **Sports, Page 1**

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East Hartford High School officials confirmed Boroze was going to be a junior this fall. Social workers and school counselors will be available for students from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday at Connecticut IB Academy and Monday at EHHS. Support staff from the school district will

also be available virtually on both days. “It is also important that we come together to support and care for each other,” Laura Roberts, of East Hartford Public Schools, said in a release Thursday. “As we all process this loss, we are asking East Hartford parents to speak to their children about this unfortunate news and let us know how we can help.” Lifeguards were on duty Thurs-

day and the pool opened at 1 p.m., its regular time. The chain-link fence surrounding the pool stands about 8 feet high and has several patches where portions of the fence have been replaced. Many “No Trespassing” signs are attached to the fence surrounding the pool. Mike Mavredakis can be reached at mavredakis@courant.com.

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it would win support in Congress. “My plea is: Put politics aside. Get it done,” Biden said. “We should pass this.” Biden received more good news for his agenda Thursday when the House passed a \$280 billion package to boost the semiconductor industry and scientific research in a bid to create more high-tech jobs in the United States and help it better compete with international rivals, namely China. The House approved the bill by a sold 243-187 margin, sending the measure to Biden to be signed into law and providing the White House with a major domestic policy victory. Twenty-four Republicans voted for the legislation. As for the agreement announced late Wednesday, Manchin said the surprise compromise began taking shape only days after he and Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., the majority leader, had a bitter break during intense negotiations on the plan, when the West Virginian informed Schumer that he could not support a package with new climate spending or tax proposals this summer amid skyrocketing inflation. “You know how our tempers get a little bit ahead of us at times,” Manchin, who is isolating after testing positive for COVID-19 this week, told reporters during a virtual news conference. Schumer, he said, had “turned the dogs loose” on him two weeks ago after he said he could not commit to the plan. But four days later, the two patched up their split and sent their staffs back to the negotiating table to find a version both could accept. The critical concessions that ultimately won Manchin’s support included jettisoning billions of



Sen. Chuck Schumer, the majority leader, helped broker the long-awaited deal. HAIYUN JIANG/ THE NEW YORK TIMES

dollars’ worth of tax increases he opposed and winning a commitment from Biden and Democratic leaders to enact legislation to streamline the permitting of energy infrastructure. That could ease the way for a shale gas pipeline project in West Virginia in which Manchin has taken a personal interest. “I’m saying straight to you, without permitting reforms, without the ability for America to do what it does best — produce — there is no bill,” he said Thursday morning, speaking to Hoppy Kercheval, a West Virginia radio host. “That is totally agreed upon and understood.” In a private caucus meeting Thursday morning, Schumer began laying the groundwork for what promises to be an arduous process of steering the compromise through the evenly divided Senate, made more difficult by the chamber’s arcane rules, Democrats’ bare-minimum majority and a coronavirus surge among senators. He counseled Democratic senators that they had the opportunity to deliver on their long-standing ambitions to combat the threat of climate change and allow Medicare, for the first time, to negotiate

the prices of prescription drugs, pushing down costs for patients. “It will require us to stick together and work long days and nights for the next 10 days,” Schumer told his colleagues, according to a Democrat in the room, who disclosed details of the private meeting on the condition of anonymity. Should the compromise hold and survive consideration by the Senate and the House, it would allow Democrats to enact major legislation weeks before the midterm congressional elections to address health care costs, climate change and inflation — all while fulfilling long-standing promises to tax the rich and reduce the deficit. But the fate of the measure remained on shaky ground. It was not clear whether it would have the unanimous support among Democrats needed to pass. Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, another holdout on her party’s domestic policy package, skipped the Democratic caucus meeting Thursday and would not comment on the bill or indicate whether she planned to support it. “She’s reviewing text and will need to review what comes out of the parliamentary process,” a spokesperson said. Sinema has in the past opposed one element of the agreement: a proposal to change a preferential tax treatment for income earned by venture capitalists. Even if it can win passage in the Senate, the measure would also need to pass the House, where Democrats can spare only a few votes given likely unanimous Republican opposition. Democratic leaders aimed to hold votes on the legislation in the Senate as early as next week, before the chamber is scheduled to leave for the annual August recess. The Associated Press contributed.

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described as a “parallel investigation by agents of the Department of Homeland Security” into any connection between the Toutziaridis call and the disappearance of Jennifer Farber Dulos. Investigators believe Fotis Dulos killed his wife during the couple’s contentious divorce and fight for custody of their five children. Jennifer Farber Dulos was living in New Canaan at the time of her presumed murder, and Dulos was living in Farmington with Troconis. State police investigators believe Dulos drove from Farmington to New Canaan to kill his wife. Based on bloodstained car seats and other evidence collected through searches across the state, detectives believe Dulos may have dismembered the body of his estranged wife and the remains have never been found. Later in the day, police believe he returned to Farmington where he met Troconis, who helped dispose of evidence in storm drains and trash receptacles in Hartford. Dulos was charged with murder in January 2020 but died in a New York City hospital a month later after trying to take how own life by carbon monoxide poisoning in the garage of the home he shared with Troconis. The state police have charged Troconis with conspiring with Dulos to commit murder and trying to help him avoid arrest by concealing evidence. She is free on a \$2.1 million bond and could be tried this fall. Investigators began looking into the Toutziaridis telephone call on suspicion that it could have been arranged by Dulos as an attempt to establish an alibi for the time his wife disappeared, according to both records and people familiar with the matter. According to the police theory, Dulos would argue that phone records would allow him to claim he was talking on his cellphone in Farmington at the time police claim he was killing his wife in New Canaan. After learning of the call, Connecticut investigators arranged to have the Depart-

ment of Homeland Security stop Toutziaridis and seize his cellphone as he arrived for a visit to the U.S. Attached to Schoenhorn’s court filing is a page from a Homeland Security Department affidavit in support of a warrant to search the Toutziaridis telephone for evidence of obstruction of justice and other crimes associated with Jenifer Farber Dulos’ disappearance. Dulos, who claimed he had nothing to do with his wife’s disappearance, left a suicide note in which he implored investigators to stop harassing Toutziaridis, who he called an “honorable” person. He also wrote he was killing himself not because he was guilty, but because “I refuse to spend even an hour more in jail for something I had NOTHING to do with.” Schoenhorn said in court Thursday that investigative reports about the Toutziaridis call are an example of the prosecution foot dragging he has encountered while representing Troconis, who also participated by video link but said nothing. In October, Schoenhorn pressed in court for an order requiring prosecutors to provide him with specific evidence they claim supports the charges against Troconis of hindering prosecution, tampering with evidence and conspiracy to commit murder. The request was denied after the prosecutors said the state had provided Troconis with everything it had. On Thursday, Blawie said he was unaware last fall of the existence of a federal investigation of the call from Toutziaridis. He said he will decide whether to order more material disclosed to Traconis after hearing in coming days from the prosecution. “I’ve been practicing law for a long time, and I’d say it has been at least 10 or 20 years where I have had difficulty other than in this case in obtaining materials, even the existence of those materials, without having to fight for them,” Schoenhorn said. Michelle Manning, an assistant state’s attorney recently assigned to the Troconis case, said she intends to open the prosecution files to Troconis.

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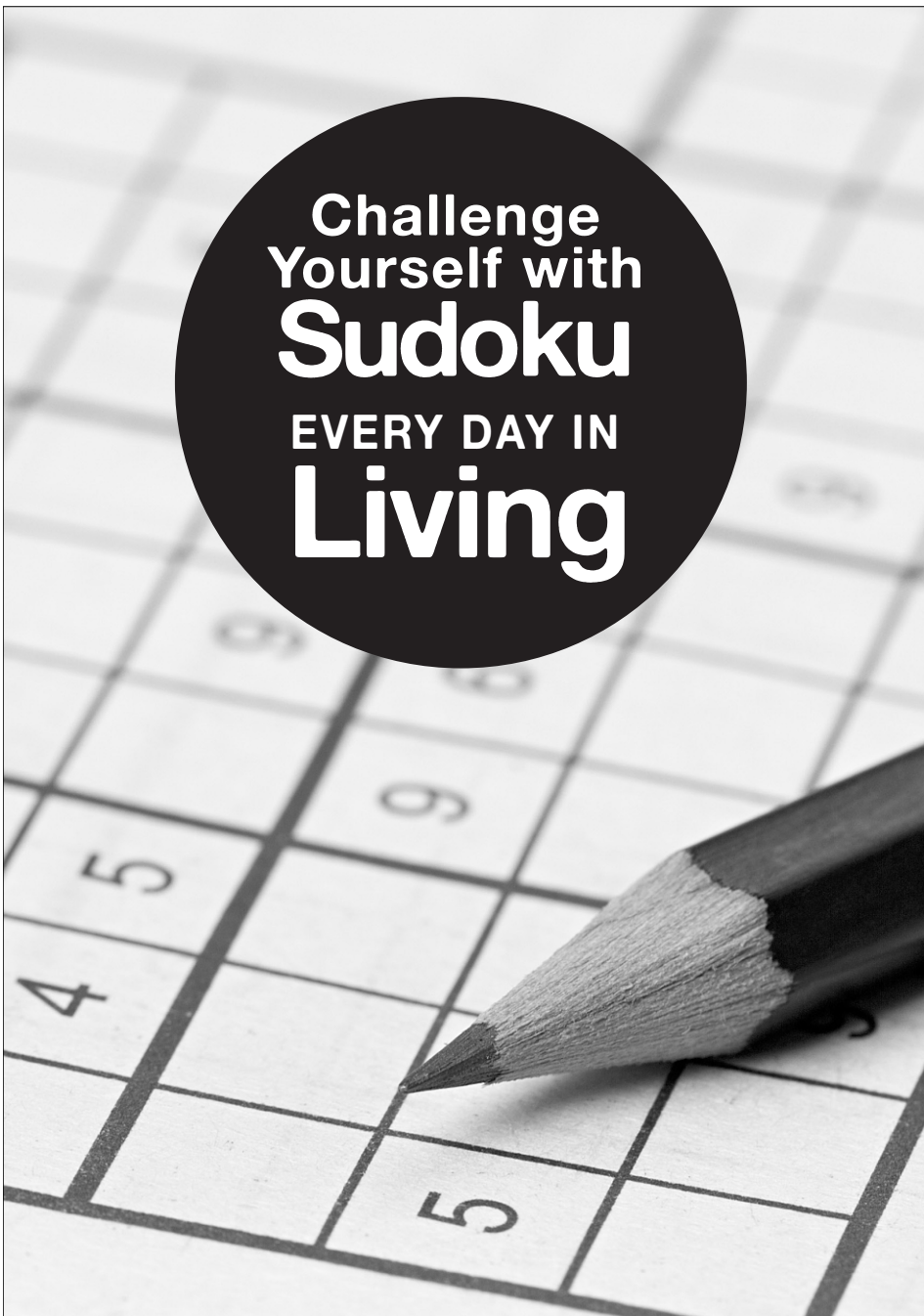

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Hartford lawyer gets 2 years in prison for tax avoidance

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

A Hartford lawyer with a highly successful personal injury practice was sentenced to 2 years in prison Thursday for concealing income and failing to pay taxes — three years after his brother, another successful Hartford lawyer, was sent to prison for similar offenses. Federal prosecutors said Deron Freeman, 47, concealed income, filed falsified tax returns and ignored a decade of prodding by the IRS to make payments. At the same time, they said, he was spending wildly on boats, motorcycles, six-figure luxury auto-

mobiles and a \$2.5 million, 14,000-square-foot home with heated floors in South Glastonbury. Freeman's brother Justin, who had his own successful personal injury practice in Hartford, recently won reinstatement of his law license after being convicted of similar offenses and sentenced to eight months in prison in 2019. The Freeman brothers drew much of their business from Hartford's majority minority population. Business was so good, other lawyers said, that the brothers operated shuttles to and from medical appointments and court hearings for clients who lacked their

own transportation. Deron Freeman was convicted of three felony and four misdemeanor tax charges in April after a trial before U.S. District Court Judge Victor Bolden in Bridgeport. In a long, written verdict, Bolden not only found Freeman guilty of the tax offenses, but concluded that he lied repeatedly when testifying as part of his defense. Freeman's lawyer, Richard Brown, argued at the trial and again Thursday that Freeman wasn't aware he was cheating on his taxes. Freeman was disorganized, prone to hire tax preparers unprepared from the volume of the business and incapable of under-

standing tax reporting, Brown argued. Freeman admitted as much at his trial. "It is like hieroglyphics to me," he testified. "I remember sending (a tax preparer) an email saying 'That's not my forte.' I have some strengths and I clearly have some weaknesses. Those are one of my weaknesses. It is like looking at a paper written in Chinese." He said "upon reflection" he realizes that what he did was wrong, but he was "intoxicated" with money "back then." Bolden sounded skeptical in his lengthy, written decision. He said he rejected a defense "based upon Mr. Freeman's alleged incompe-

tence or alleged reliance on tax professionals, in light of the overwhelming evidence of willfulness exhibited at trial." Court filings show that in 2012, Freeman spent twice as much on cars as he reported as income on his 2012 tax return, which wasn't filed until February 2014. He reported \$163,013 in taxable income on his 2013 return, the same year he listed his income as \$450,000 on an application to lease a Ferrari, the same records show. Federal prosecutors said the IRS began hounding Freeman for payments in 2006. After agreement to a payment plan in 2011, he created a secret bank

account and used it to hide hundreds of thousands of dollars from the IRS, prosecutors said. He admitted that he created the account "to hide it from the IRS" so the "IRS could[not] take the money" that he needed to run his firm. Federal prosecutors said Justin Freeman underreported more than \$1.2 million to the IRS in 2010, 2011 and 2012, resulting in a tax loss to the government of \$419,000. The U.S. Attorney's office said Deron Freeman filed multiple false returns that underreported his income by approximately \$950,000. He was ordered to report to prison on Sept. 12.

Bicking

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"When you actually pull the curtains back and you see all of the devastation, economic, financial, when you see the political estrangement, you see the disenfranchisement of families, it's really disheartening," Bicking said. "We have a facade. It's a very nice facade. It's durable, but there are cracks in it. If our leaders [and] those who have the ability to push policy, don't actually address those cracks, it will fall." Bicking said that education will be a key focus if elected. Although Bicking is a resident of Newington, she sends her 6-year-old son to school in Glastonbury where his father lives so her son can attend better schools. She said that in Connecticut, your zip code should not define the quality of education you receive. "I think we need to divorce the system of having schooling funded by our property taxes," Bicking said.

In addition to taking on education, Bicking wants to reinvigorate and expand the state's public transportation system to provide a statewide commuter rail that decreases reliance on motor vehicles.

Bicking envisions each town's station as a hub for business, dining, public parks and culture that provides affordable housing options and supports a mixed intergenerational community.

"We have freight rail systems that crisscrossed the entire state that can be totally repurposed for commuter rail," Bicking said. "I want Connecticut to be its own freestanding model of what mass transit should look like."

Additionally, Bicking would want the state to implement a single-payer



Michelle Louise Bicking, the Green Party candidate for governor, says Democratic incumbent Ned Lamont and his Republican challenger, Bob Stefanowski, don't understand the challenges of most residents. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

health care system that provides coverage for physical and mental health and dentistry while allowing people the option to choose to remain on their private insurance.

For more than a decade, Bicking, who is also a certified birth doula, has worked as a social worker, serving "children from ages 2 to 102" in marginalized communities. But even before that, Bicking's life was marked by a desire to serve.

Born to immigrants

The daughter of immigrant parents from Barbados and Saint Vincent and the

Grenadines, Bicking grew up in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York. As a young girl, Bicking, a pro-choice Catholic, said she seriously flirted with the idea of becoming a nun, but scrapped her plans following a high school romance.

After receiving a bachelor's in Spanish and Latin American Studies at Denison University, Bicking enrolled in Rutgers University's nursing program but ran out of money to complete her degree. She ended up receiving a master's in Public Administration from the school before pursuing a master's in Social Work at Springfield College.

Bicking said that it's

important that her constituents know that Bicking isn't someone who feigns interest to get votes — she cares and she is present. Bicking criticized politicians who use promises that are "sexy in the moment" as the hallmark of their campaign without following through.

Bicking said that she focuses on connecting with people where they are.

"You're too ashamed to have me in your house? OK. Can I meet you outside on your stoop? Happened many times. Oh, you don't want me to come into your neighborhood because there was a shootout? Well, I'm used to that. Want to meet at the Dunkin' Donuts down the street? I'll meet you where

you are. That's what makes a difference. And I'm not scared to go into neighborhoods with people who don't look like me," Bicking said.

'An uphill climb'

After a failed run for U.S. representative in 2018, Bicking said she is "running to win" this November and plans on securing her victory "one person at a time." But even the path to inclusion on the ballot has been fraught with roadblocks.

By Aug. 10, Bicking needs 7,500 signatures to show up next to Lamont and Stefanowski on the ballot. These signatures must be collected in-person on

double-sided, legal size paper. Additionally, the petitions are broken down by location, so registered voters can only sign the petition paper specific to their town.

So far, Bicking said her party has collected about 2,000 signatures.

"It is an uphill climb in the rain in the dark," Bicking said. "It's been very, very difficult."

She said that the biggest misconception she encounters is the belief that the Green Party "steals" votes from Democratic candidates. Bicking said that she seeks to engage disenfranchised voters.

"I see the disillusionment. I also see the hesitancy to be involved in anything that identifies as a party," Bicking said, adding that the Green Party "is not so much providing an alternative. It's just showing you that a functioning democracy needs all voices present and must be resonant in order to take care of each other. Otherwise we all fail."

Despite the challenges, Bicking said that she hopes her campaign will show others that you don't need to be an insider to be a leader.

"I also want to remind people that this could be them," Bicking said. "They don't have to wait for some superhero that doesn't even have any physical roots beyond the Fairfield County border to come and rescue them from their fight. This is you. We are what we have been looking for all along."

More information on Bicking's campaign for governor is available at the website roomatthetable.us. Anyone interested in signing Bicking's ballot petition may contact Bicking at bick-ing.michelle@gmail.com or Connecticut Green Party Secretary Ronna Stuller at rstuller@snet.net or 860-772-8439.

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GDP report stirs fears of recession

White House says still signs of overall economic progress

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy shrank from April through June for a second straight quarter, contracting at a 0.9% annual pace and raising fears that the nation may be approaching a recession.

The decline that the Commerce Department reported Thursday in the gross domestic product — the broadest gauge of the economy — followed a 1.6% annual drop from January through March. Consecutive quarters of falling GDP constitute one informal, though not definitive, indicator of a recession.

The GDP report for last quarter pointed to weakness across the economy. Consumer spending slowed as Americans bought fewer goods. Business investment fell. Inventories tumbled as businesses slowed their restocking of shelves, shaving 2 percentage points from GDP.

Higher borrowing rates, a consequence of the Federal Reserve's series of rate hikes, clobbered home construction, which shrank at a 14% annual rate. Government spending dropped too.

The report comes at a critical time. Consumers and businesses have been struggling under the weight of punishing inflation and higher loan costs. On Wednesday, the Fed raised its benchmark rate by a sizable three-quarters of a point for a second straight time in its push to conquer the worst inflation outbreak



A man shops on Wednesday in New York City. The nation's GDP contracted for a second straight quarter. **ANDRES KUDACKI/AP**

in four decades.

The Fed is hoping to achieve a notoriously difficult “soft landing”: an economic slowdown that manages to rein in rocketing prices without triggering a recession.

President Joe Biden and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on Thursday dismissed questions about whether the U.S. economy was already in a recession, pointing to the strong labor market and other metrics as signs of its health.

Yellen, speaking at a news conference at the Treasury Department, said that she did not believe the U.S. was in a recession, arguing that the labor market and house-

hold balance sheets remain strong despite slowing growth.

Biden, speaking at the White House, said that while the economy was slowing, “we see signs of economic progress as well.” The president pointed to comments Wednesday by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, who said he did not think the U.S. was in a recession.

“And the reason is there are just too many areas of the economy that are performing too well,” Powell said.

Apart from the United States, the global economy as a whole is also grappling with high inflation and weakening growth, espe-

cially after Russia's invasion of Ukraine sent energy and food prices soaring. Europe, highly dependent on Russian natural gas, appears especially vulnerable to a recession.

In the United States, the inflation surge and fear of a recession have eroded consumer confidence and stirred anxiety about the economy, which is sending frustratingly mixed signals. And with the November midterm elections nearing, Americans' discontent has diminished Biden's public approval ratings and could increase the likelihood that the Democrats will lose control of the House and Senate.

“The back-to-back contraction of GDP will feed the debate about whether the U.S. is in, or soon headed for, a recession,” said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. “The fact that the economy created 2.7 million payrolls in the first half of the year would seem to argue against an official recession call for now.”

Still, Guatieri said, “the economy has quickly lost steam in the face of four-decade high inflation, rapidly rising borrowing costs and a general tightening in financial conditions.”

The government's first of three estimates of GDP for the April-June quarter

marked a drastic weakening from the 5.7% growth the economy achieved last year. That was the fastest calendar-year expansion since 1984, reflecting how vigorously the economy roared back from the brief but brutal pandemic recession of 2020.

But since then, the combination of mounting prices and higher borrowing costs have taken a toll. The Labor Department's consumer price index skyrocketed 9.1% in June from a year earlier, a pace not matched since 1981. And despite widespread pay raises, prices are surging faster than wages. In June, average hourly earnings, after adjusting for inflation, slid 3.6% from a year earlier, the 15th straight year-over-year drop.

Americans are still spending, though more tepidly. Thursday's report showed that consumer spending rose at a 1% annual pace from April through June, down from 1.8% in the first quarter and 2.5% in the final three months of 2021.

Spending on goods like appliances and furniture, which had soared while Americans were sheltering at home early in the pandemic, dropped at a 4.4% annual rate last quarter. But spending on services, like airline trips and dinners out, rose at a 4.1% rate, indicating that millions of consumers are venturing out more.

Before accounting for surging prices, the economy actually grew at a 7.8% annual pace in the April-June quarter. But inflation wiped out that gain and then some, and produced a negative GDP number.

The New York Times contributed.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia renews strikes on Kyiv after several weeks

Ukraine announces counteroffensive to take back Kherson

By Susie Blann
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces launched a missile attack on the Kyiv area for the first time in weeks Thursday and pounded the northern Chernihiv region as well, in what Ukraine said was revenge for standing up to the Kremlin.

Ukrainian officials, meanwhile, announced a counteroffensive to take back the occupied Kherson region in the country's south, territory seized by Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces early in the war.

Russia attacked the Kyiv region with six missiles launched from the Black Sea, hitting a military unit in the village of Liutizh on the outskirts of the capital, according to Oleksii Hromov, a senior official with Ukraine's General Staff.

He said that the attack ruined one building and damaged two others, and that Ukrainian forces shot down one of the missiles in the town of Bucha.

Fifteen people, including

five civilians, were wounded in the Russian strikes, Kyiv regional Gov. Oleksiy Kuleba said.

Kuleba linked the assaults to the Day of Statehood, a commemoration that President Volodymyr Zelenskyy instituted last year and Ukraine marked for the time Thursday.

“Russia, with the help of missiles, is mounting revenge for the widespread popular resistance, which the Ukrainians were able to organize precisely because of their statehood,” Kuleba told Ukrainian television.

Chernihiv regional Gov. Vyacheslav Chaus reported that the Russians also fired missiles from Belarus at the village of Honcharivska. The Chernihiv region had not been targeted in weeks.

Russian troops withdrew from the Kyiv and Chernihiv regions months ago after failing to capture either. The renewed strikes come a day after the leader of pro-Kremlin separatists in the east, Denis Pushilin, urged Russian forces to “liberate Russian cities founded by the Russian people — Kyiv, Chernihiv, Poltava, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Lutsk.”

Elsewhere, five people were killed and 25 wounded in a Russian rocket attack on the city of Kropyvnytskyi, about 150 miles southeast of Kyiv, according to Andriy Raikovich, deputy governor of the Kirovohrad region. He said the attack hit hangars at an air academy, damaging civilian planes.

Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, also came under a barrage of shelling overnight, according to the mayor. Authorities said a police officer was killed in Russian shelling of a power plant in the region. The southern city of Mykolaiv was fired on as well, with one person reported injured.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian military kept up a counterattack in the Kherson region, knocking a key bridge over the Dnieper River out of commission on Wednesday. Ukrainian media quoted Ukrainian presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovich as saying the operation to liberate Kherson is underway, with Kyiv's forces planning to isolate Russian troops and leave them with three options — “retreat, if possible, surrender or be destroyed.”

Oleksiy Danilov, secretary of Ukraine's National



A man watches billowing smoke after Russian forces launched a missile attack on a military unit on Thursday in Vyshhorod, Ukraine, located north of Kyiv. **DAVID GOLDMAN/AP**

Security and Defense Council, said the Russians are concentrating maximum forces in the direction of Kherson, warning: “A very large-scale movement of their troops has begun.”

The British military said Ukraine has used its new, Western-supplied long-range artillery to damage at least three of the bridges across the Dnieper Russia relies on to supply its forces.

Ukraine's presidential office said Thursday that Russian shelling of cities and villages over the past 24 hours killed at least five civilians, all in the eastern Donetsk province, and

wounded nine.

Fighting in recent weeks has focused on the province. It has intensified in recent days as Russian forces appeared to emerge from a reported “operational pause” after capturing Luhansk province.

Ukrainian emergency authorities said two civilians were killed in a Russian bombardment of the town of Toretsk. A missile struck a residential building there early Thursday morning, destroying two floors, officials said.

“Missile terror again. We will not give up. ... We will not be intimidated,”

Donetsk regional Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said on Telegram.

Military analysts believe Russian forces are focusing efforts on capturing the cities of Bakhmut and Siversk in Donetsk province.

Zelenskyy instituted the Day of Statehood to remind Ukrainians of the country's history as an independent state. The commemoration honors Prince Vladimir, who made Christianity the official religion of the medieval state of Kyivan Rus over 1,000 years ago.

“You could say that for us, every day is a statehood day,” the president said in a Day of Statehood address.

Jan. 6 panel interviews Mnuchin, pursues others in former president's orbit

By Michael Balsamo, Mary Clare Jalonick and Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Jan. 6 committee has interviewed former Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and is in negotiations to talk to several other members of former President Donald Trump's Cabinet as it scrutinizes the days after the U.S. Capitol insurrection and discussions about whether to try and

remove the then-president from office.

The negotiations come as the committee was interviewing Trump's onetime chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, on Thursday. The former South Carolina congressman held that job until 2020 and later was special envoy for Northern Ireland, a post he resigned immediately after the riot on Jan. 6, 2021.

The interviews and negotiations were confirmed by three people familiar

with the committee's work who were not authorized to discuss the developments publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The committee asked Mnuchin about discussions among Cabinet secretaries to possibly invoke the constitutional process in the 25th Amendment to remove Trump after the attack on the Capitol, according to one of the people, and is in active



Mnuchin

talks to interview former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Pompeo is likely to appear in the coming days, the person said.

Lawmakers also are in discussions with John Ratcliffe, former director of national intelligence, according to two of the people, and are seeking interviews with several senior intelligence officials who had contact with the White House around that time.

Ratcliffe delivered a classified briefing on election security in late December 2020 at the request of Jeffrey Clark, a Justice Department official who promoted Trump's false claims of election fraud.

A person familiar with the matter said Ratcliffe summarized the findings that said intelligence agencies had “no indications that any foreign actors attempted to alter any technical aspect of the voting process in the 2020 U.S. elections, includ-

ing voter registration, casting ballots, vote tabulation, or reporting results.”

Trump and outside advisers who were pushing the false fraud claims had suggested that Venezuela had tried to alter the count through voting machines.

Investigators have also reached out to former Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf, who resigned in the days after the riot, and lawmakers could call in other Trump Cabinet officials.

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NEWS BRIEFING

DC seeks assistance from National Guard amid migrant influx

From news services

WASHINGTON — The District of Columbia has requested National Guard assistance to help stem a “growing humanitarian crisis” prompted by thousands of migrants sent to the nation’s capital by the governors of Texas and Arizona.

Mayor Muriel Bowser formally asked the White House last week for an open-ended deployment of 150 National Guard members per day as well as “suitable federal location” for a mass housing and processing center, mentioning the D.C. Armory as a possibility. The mayor met July 21 with White House Homeland Security Adviser Liz Sherwood-Randall and Julie Chavez Rodriguez, director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The crisis began in spring when Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey announced plans to send busloads of migrants to Washington in response to President Joe Biden’s decision to lift a pandemic-era emergency health order that restricted the number of migrants entering the country.

Since then the city estimates that nearly 200 buses have arrived, delivering more than 4,000 migrants to Union Station, often with no resources and not knowing what to do next.

A coalition of local charitable groups has been working to feed and shelter the migrants, aided by a \$1 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. But organizers have been warning that both their resources and personnel were nearing exhaustion.

“This reliance on NGOs is not working and is unsustainable — they are

overwhelmed and underfunded,” Bowser said in her letter. She has repeatedly stated that the influx was stressing her government’s ability to care for its own homeless residents.

Monkeypox response: The country’s monkeypox outbreak can still be stopped, U.S. health officials said Thursday, despite rising case numbers and limited vaccine supplies.

The Biden administration’s top health official pushed back against criticism about the pace of the response and worries that the U.S. has missed the window to contain the virus, which has been declared a global emergency.

“We believe we have done everything we can at the federal level to work with our state and local partners and communities affected to make sure we can stay ahead of this and end this outbreak,” said Xavier Becerra, head of the Department of Health and Human Services.

But he also said local health officials “must do their part. ... We don’t have the authority to tell them what to do.”

The pushback from federal leaders came as they announced distribution plans for 780,000 shots of the two-dose Jynneos vaccine.

The doses will be allocated to states, cities and other localities based on their case numbers and the size of their populations that are considered high-risk for the disease.

Child abortion case: A man accused of raping and impregnating a 9-year-old Ohio girl who traveled to Indiana for an abortion was ordered held without bond Thursday by a judge



Royal birthday: Supporters hold posters of King Maha Vajiralongkorn and Queen Suthida to mark his 70th birthday on Thursday in Bangkok. The national holiday celebration for the king continues Friday. King Vajiralongkorn has reigned in the Southeast Asian nation since 2016, following the death of his father, King Bhumibol, who had reigned for 70 years. **JACK TAYLOR/GETTY-AFP**

who cited overwhelming evidence and that he apparently is living in the U.S. illegally.

Gerson Fuentes, 27, faces two counts of raping the girl, who turned 10 before having the abortion in a case that has become a flashpoint in the national discussion about access to the procedure since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade on June 24. He has pleaded not guilty.

If convicted, Fuentes, who is from Guatemala, faces the possibility of life in prison with no chance of parole.

The case gained national attention after an Indianapolis physician, Dr. Caitlin Bernard, said the child had to travel to Indiana due to Ohio banning abortions at the first detectable “fetal heartbeat” after the high court ruling.

Pope in Canada: Pope Francis celebrated Mass on Thursday in Quebec and faced a long-standing demand from Indigenous peoples: to formally rescind the papal decrees

underpinning the so-called “Doctrine of Discovery” that legitimized the colonial-era seizure of Native lands and resources.

Before Mass, two Indigenous women unfurled a banner at the altar of the National Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre that read: “Rescind the Doctrine” in red and black letters.

The protesters were escorted away and the Mass proceeded without incident, though the women later marched the banner out of the basilica and draped it on the railing.

The protest underscored one of the issues facing the Holy See following Francis’ historic apology for the Catholic Church’s involvement in Canada’s notorious residential schools, where generations of Indigenous peoples were forcibly removed from their families and cultures to assimilate them into Christian Canadian society.

Indigenous peoples have called on Francis to formally rescind the 15th century papal decrees that provided

European kingdoms the religious backing to expand their territories for the sake of spreading Christianity.

Those decrees have been seen as underpinning the Doctrine of Discovery, a legal concept coined in a 1823 U.S. Supreme Court decision that has come to be understood as meaning that ownership and sovereignty over land passed to Europeans because they “discovered” it.

Mega Millions: One of the nation’s biggest lottery prizes grew Thursday as the Mega Millions jackpot increased to an estimated \$1.1 billion.

The increase ahead of Friday night’s drawing makes the jackpot the third largest, behind \$1.5 billion prizes won in 2018 and 2016.

The odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 302.5 million.

The \$1.1 billion prize is for players who get their winnings through an annuity, paid annually over 29 years.

Nearly all winners take the cash option, which for

Friday’s drawing is an estimated \$648.2 million.

Grain ship: A Syrian cargo ship, sanctioned by the United States and carrying what Ukraine says is stolen barley from the war-torn country, has docked in Lebanon, the Ukrainian diplomatic mission in the Mideast nation said Thursday.

According to the Ukrainian Embassy in Beirut, the cargo vessel Laodicea docked in the port of Tripoli, Lebanon’s second-largest city. It was carrying 5,000 tons of flour and 5,000 tons of barley, the embassy said.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury sanctioned the Laodicea in 2015 for its affiliation with the Syrian government of President Bashar Assad.

Ukraine has accused Russia of plundering grain and steel from its territory since Moscow invaded the country on Feb. 24.

The embassy in Beirut did not elaborate or say how the barley was purportedly stolen from Ukraine.

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Migrant smuggling is big business

Control shifts from freelance ‘coyotes’ to organized crime

By Miriam Jordan
The New York Times

CARRIZO SPRINGS, Texas — From the street, the little brown house was unremarkable yet pleasant. A bright yellow toy school bus and red truck hung on the fence, and the home’s facade featured a large Texas lone star. But in the backyard was a gutted mobile home that a prosecutor later described as a “house of horrors.”

It was discovered in 2014, when a man called from Maryland to report that his stepfather, Moises Ferrera, a migrant from Honduras, was being held there and tortured by the smugglers who had brought him into the United States. His captors wanted more money, the stepson said, and were pounding Ferrera’s hands repeatedly with a hammer, vowing to continue until his family sent it.

When federal agents and sheriff’s deputies descended on the house, they discovered that Ferrara was not the sole victim. Smugglers had held hundreds of migrants for ransom there, their investigation found. They had mutilated limbs and raped women.

“What transpired there is the subject of science fiction, of a horror movie — and something we simply don’t see in the United States,” the prosecutor, Matthew Watters, told a jury when the accused smugglers went on trial. Organized crime cartels, he said, had “brought this terror across the border.”

Migrant smuggling on the U.S. southern border has evolved over the past 10 years from a scattered network of freelance “coyotes” into a multibillion-dollar international business controlled by organized crime, including some of Mexico’s most violent drug cartels.



The trailer at right in Carrizo Springs, Texas, was where smugglers held hundreds of migrants hostage, torturing and raping some of them in an effort to squeeze their families for more money, according to officials. CHRISTOPHER LEE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

The deaths of 53 migrants in San Antonio last month who were packed in the back of a suffocating tractor-trailer without air conditioning — the deadliest smuggling incident in the country to date — came as tightened U.S. border restrictions, exacerbated by a pandemic-related public health rule, have encouraged more migrants to turn to smugglers.

While migrants have long faced kidnappings and extortion in Mexican border cities, such incidents have been on the rise on the U.S. side, according to federal authorities.

More than 5,046 people were arrested and charged with human smuggling last year, up from 2,762 in 2014. And over the past year, federal agents have raided stash houses holding dozens of migrants on nearly a daily basis.

Title 42, the public health order introduced by the

Trump administration at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, has authorized the immediate expulsion of those caught crossing the border illegally, allowing migrants to cross repeatedly in the hope of eventually succeeding. This has led to a substantial escalation in the number of migrant encounters on the border — 1.7 million in fiscal 2021 — and brisk business for smugglers.

In March, agents near El Paso, Texas, rescued 34 migrants from two cargo containers without ventilation on a single day. The following month, 24 people being held against their will were found in a stash house.

Law enforcement agents have engaged in so many high-speed chases of smugglers lately in Uvalde, Texas — there were nearly 50 such “bailouts” in the town between February and May — that some school employees said they failed to take a

lockdown order seriously during a mass shooting in May because so many previous lockdowns had been ordered when smugglers raced through the streets.

Teofilo Valencia, whose 17- and 19-year-old sons perished in the San Antonio tragedy, said he had taken out a loan against the family home to pay the smugglers \$10,000 for each son’s transport.

Fees typically range from \$4,000, for migrants coming from Latin America, to \$20,000, if they must be moved from Africa, Eastern Europe or Asia, according to Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, an expert on smuggling at George Mason University.

For years, independent coyotes paid cartels a tax to move migrants through territory they controlled along the border, and the criminal syndicates stuck to drug smuggling, which was far more profitable.

That began to change around 2019, Patrick Lechleitner, acting deputy director at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, told Congress last year. The number of people seeking to cross made migrant smuggling an irresistible money-maker for some cartels, he said.

The enterprises have teams specializing in logistics, transportation, surveillance, stash houses and accounting — all supporting an industry whose revenues have soared to an estimated \$13 billion today from \$500 million in 2018, according to Homeland Security Investigations.

Migrants are moved by plane, bus and private vehicles. In some border regions, such as the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, smugglers affix color-coded bands to the wrists of migrants to designate that they belong to them and what services they are

receiving.

“They are organizing the merchandise in ways you could never imagine five or 10 years ago,” Correa-Cabrera said.

Groups of Central American families who crossed the Rio Grande recently into La Joya, Texas, wore blue bracelets with the logo of the Gulf Cartel, a dolphin, and the word “entregas,” or “deliveries” — meaning they intended to surrender to U.S. authorities and seek asylum. Once they had crossed the river, they were no longer the cartel’s business.

Previously, migrants entering Laredo, Texas, waded across the river on their own and faded into the dense, urban landscape. Now, according to interviews with migrants and law enforcement officials, it is impossible to cross without paying a coyote connected to the Cartel del Noreste, a splinter of the Los Zetas syndicate.

Smugglers often enlist teenagers to transport arrivals to stash houses. After they gather several dozen people, they load the migrants onto trucks parked in Laredo’s vast warehouse district.

“Drivers are recruited at bars, strip joints, truck stops,” said Timothy Tubbs, who was deputy special agent in charge of Homeland Security Investigations for Laredo until he retired in January.

Rigs hauling migrants blend with the 20,000 trucks that travel daily on Interstate 35 to and from Laredo, the country’s busiest land port. Border Patrol agents posted at checkpoints inspect only a fraction of all the vehicles to ensure traffic keeps flowing.

The tractor-trailer discovered June 27 with its tragic cargo had passed through a checkpoint about 30 miles north of Laredo without arousing suspicions.

By the time it stopped three hours later on a remote road in San Antonio, most of the 64 people inside had already died.



A home is washed away Thursday in Lost Creek, Ky. Heavy rains caused flash flooding and mudslides in parts of central Appalachia. RYAN C. HERMENS/LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

Central Appalachia flooding leaves at least 8 dead in Ky.

By Bruce Schreiner, Rebecca Reynolds and Timothy D. Easley
Associated Press

JACKSON, Ky. — Torrential rains unleashed devastating floods in Appalachia on Thursday, as fast-rising water killed at least eight people in Kentucky and sent people scurrying to rooftops to be rescued.

Water gushed from hillsides and flooded out of streambeds, inundating homes, businesses and roads throughout eastern Kentucky. Parts of western Virginia and southern West Virginia also saw extensive flooding. Rescue crews used helicopters and boats to pick up people trapped by floodwaters.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear tweeted Thursday evening that the state’s death toll from flooding had risen to eight. He asked for continued prayers for the region, which was bracing for more rain.

“In a word, this event is devastating,” Beshear said earlier in the day. “And I do believe it will end up being one of the most significant, deadly floods that we have had in Kentucky in at least

a very long time.”

In Breathitt County in Kentucky, Krystal Holbrook’s family raced against surging floodwaters in the early morning hours to move possessions to higher ground. Their ordeal began around 4 a.m. Thursday, as they scurried in the dark to move vehicles, campers, trailers and farm equipment. But as the water kept rising throughout the day, the concern was that “higher ground is getting a little bit difficult,” she said.

“It looks like a huge lake back here,” she said.

Beshear warned that property damage in Kentucky would be widespread. The governor said officials were setting up a site for donations that would go to residents affected by the flooding.

Dangerous conditions and continued rainfall hampered rescue efforts Thursday, Beshear said.

Flash flooding and mudslides were reported across the mountainous region of eastern Kentucky, western Virginia and southern West Virginia, where thunderstorms dumped several inches of rain over the past few days.

With more rain expected in the area, the National Weather Service said additional flooding was possible into Friday in much of West Virginia, eastern Kentucky and southwest Virginia. Forecasters said the highest threat of flash flooding was expected to shift farther east into West Virginia.

Rescue crews worked throughout the night helping people stranded by the rising waters in eastern Kentucky’s Perry County, where Emergency Management Director Jerry Stacy called it a “catastrophic event.”

The storms hit an Appalachian mountain region where communities and homes are perched on steep hillsides or deep in the hollows between them, where creeks and streams can rise in a hurry.

“I’ve lived here in Perry County all my life and this is by the far the worst event I’ve ever seen,” Stacy said.

Roads in many areas weren’t passable after as much as 6 inches of rain had fallen in some areas by Thursday, and 1 to 3 more inches could fall, the National Weather Service said.

Taiwan policy looms large in lengthy Biden-Xi phone call

By Chris Megerian and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden and China’s Xi Jinping are exploring meeting in person, a senior administration official said after the leaders spent more than two hours on Thursday talking through the future of their complicated relationship, with tension over Taiwan once again emerging as a flashpoint.

The official declined to be identified to talk about the private conversation.

Biden conducted the telephone call from the Oval Office, where he was joined by top aides, including Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

When Biden was vice president, he spent long hours with Xi in the United States and China. However, they have not met in person since Biden became president in January 2021.

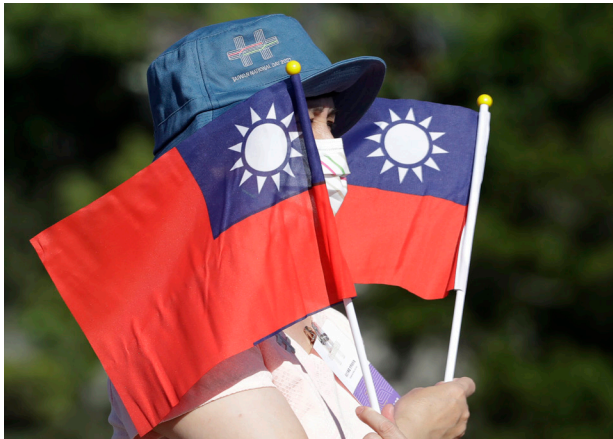
A recurring strain is Taiwan, which has governed itself for decades but China asserts as part of its territory, a claim emphasized by Xi on Thursday.

“Those who play with fire will perish by it,” said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. “It is hoped that the U.S. will be clear-eyed about this.”

The White House released its own description of the conversation about Taiwan, saying that Biden “underscored that the United States policy has not changed and that the United States strongly opposes unilateral efforts to change the status quo or undermine peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.”

The goal of the call was to “responsibly manage our differences and work together where our interests align,” the White House said.

As usual, China left no doubt that it blames the U.S. for the deteriorating relationship between the two countries.



The status of Taiwan remains a sore point in U.S.-China relations. Beijing has warned of “forceful responses” if House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visits. CHIANG YING-YING/AP 2021

“President Xi underscored that to approach and define China-US relations in terms of strategic competition and view China as the primary rival and the most serious long-term challenge would be misperceiving China-U.S. relations and misreading China’s development, and would mislead the people of the two countries and the international community,” the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

Differing perspectives on global health, economic policy and human rights have long tested the relationship — with China’s refusal to condemn Russia’s invasion of Ukraine adding further strain.

The latest pressure point has been House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s potential visit to Taiwan, which has a democratic government and receives informal defensive support from the U.S., but which China considers part of its territory. Beijing has said it would view such a trip as a provocation, a threat U.S. officials are taking with heightened seriousness in light of Russia’s incursion into Ukraine.

“If the U.S. insists on going its own way and challenging China’s bottom line, it will surely be met with forceful responses,” Zhao Lijian, a spokesperson for

China’s Foreign Ministry, told reporters earlier this week. “All ensuing consequences shall be borne by the U.S.”

Biden last week told reporters that U.S. military officials believed it was “not a good idea” for Pelosi, D-Calif., to visit the island at the moment.

John Kirby, a U.S. national security spokesman, said Wednesday that it was important for Biden and Xi to regularly touch base.

“The president wants to make sure that the lines of communication with President Xi remain open because they need to,” Kirby told reporters at a White House briefing.

“This is one of the most consequential bilateral relationships in the world today, with ramifications well beyond both individual countries,” Kirby said.

Biden has moved to shift U.S. reliance off Chinese manufacturing, including final congressional approval Thursday of legislation to encourage semiconductor companies to build more high-tech plants in the U.S.

He also wants to marshal global democracies to support infrastructure investments in low- and middle-income nations as an alternative to China’s aims to boost trade with other global markets.

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Cruz, Hawley have no Jan. 6 regrets

Senators have so far stayed beyond reach of committee

By Lisa Mascaro and Farnoush Amiri
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The week before the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley became the first Republican senator to announce he would object to the certification of the 2020 election. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz came next, dashing off his own plan on a flight from Houston to Washington days before the joint session of Congress to certify the election results.

In all, a dozen GOP senators initially planned to challenge Joe Biden's victory. But unlike their House GOP counterparts who have been subpoenaed for testimony before the Jan. 6 committee, the Republican senators have largely escaped the reach of the investigation.

While the committee did share highlights about the senators, including Hawley's raised-fist salute to the rioters that day — an image seared in history, and now on coffee mugs the senator sells — it has made the surprising, if pragmatic, decision not to call the senators for testimony. One dramatic video showed Hawley sprinting from the Senate chamber later that day as rioters swarmed the Capitol. Amid wider public scrutiny of Jan. 6, the senators have been left to explain their actions on their own terms, and have often done so defiantly.

"I do not regret it," Hawley said to applause at Turning Point USA's Student Action Summit in Tampa, Florida, after he strode to the stage July 22 to a standing ovation.

As the summer hearings of the Jan. 6 committee come to a close, Chairman Bennie Thompson has indicated that the panel is looking elsewhere. As work continues, the investigation is moving closer to the top ranks of the White House and the defeated president's inner circle.

"We continue to receive new information every day,"



Sens. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., left, and Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speak after Republicans objected to certifying the Electoral College votes from Arizona during the Jan. 6, 2021, joint session of the House and Senate at the Capitol. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

Rep. Thompson, D-Miss., said last week, announcing the next round of hearings in September. "We are pursuing many additional witnesses for testimony."

The House committee is investigating not only the grisly attack on the Capitol, but Trump's extraordinary effort to overturn the presidential election by submitting fake slates of electors from the battleground states to vote for him, not Biden, when Congress convened Jan. 6 to tally the 2020 presidential election results.

The senators could provide information about the run-up to Jan. 6, including any conversations they may have had with Trump and his lawyers who were putting together the plan for the fake electors, said Norm Eisen, a senior fellow at Brookings and former top adviser to Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee.

In one dramatic screen-

shot of a text exchange, the committee told the story of how a top aide for GOP Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin attempted to hand off a slate of false, pro-Trump electors to then-Vice President Mike Pence as he was presiding in his ceremonial role of certifying the election. Johnson has said he was not involved in that effort.

But having interviewed more than 1,000 witnesses and having issued rare subpoenas to fellow House lawmakers, Eisen said, the panel is trying to preserve its political capital by declining to compel senators to testify in what would be seen as an unusual House challenge to the upper chamber.

The Jan. 6 committee's decision to issue subpoenas to House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California and Reps. Jim Jordan of Ohio, Scott Perry of Pennsylvania, Andy Biggs of Arizona and Mo Brooks of Alabama was a show of force by the nine-member panel. And it

came after much deliberation among the lawmakers, who for weeks considered whether taking the unprecedented step of subpoenaing members of their own chamber would be worth further inflaming partisan tensions over the 2021 attack.

"They only have so much committee time," said Eisen.

Cruz declined to say Tuesday if he would have appeared had the Jan. 6 panel asked for his testimony. Hawley's office has similarly said he wouldn't want to address a hypothetical situation. But in recent conversations, the Republicans have stood by their efforts to challenge Biden's victory.

"This country would have been much better off" if Congress had taken up his plan, Cruz recently told The Associated Press.

Cruz had proposed forming a commission to audit voter fraud in the disputed states, even though Trump's

own Justice Department said there was no voter fraud on a scale that could have tipped the 2020 election. Dozens of court cases claiming fraud had been rejected or gone unheard.

Cruz said he did not recall conversations with Trump ally John Eastman, the conservative lawyer who was the architect of the alternative electors plan. Last month, federal authorities seized Eastman's phone and issued subpoenas to electors in states nationwide allegedly involved in the scheme.

Hawley has brushed off questions about the committee's work, and declined last month to comment about Eastman's plans for the alternative electors.

Johnson has downplayed his aide's attempt to pass a fake slate of electors to Pence. The handoff never took place, but the moment showed how close the plan came to fruition. If it had been successful, the elec-

toral votes for Michigan and Wisconsin could have gone to Trump, not Biden, the rightful winner in those states. After police cleared the Capitol grounds of rioters that night, seven Republican senators led by Cruz and Hawley stuck with the plan to challenge the election results. Several of the other GOP senators who had initially signed on backed out.

At least one Republican who voted to challenge the election results after the rioting, Sen. Tommy Tuberville of Alabama, said Tuesday he would be willing to talk to the committee if they asked for his testimony.

"I'd go," said Tuberville, who took a phone call from Trump as senators were being swept to safety.

Tuberville said he hasn't been watching the hearings. "There's nothing, anything, that I've seen that would change my mind on anything that I've voted on," he said.

GOP faces unexpected online cash slowdown

Megadonors' giving helps as small-dollar donations disappear

By Shane Goldmacher
The New York Times

Online fundraising has slowed across much of the Republican Party in recent months, an unusual pullback of small donors that has set off a mad rush among Republican political operatives to understand why — and reverse the sudden decline before it damages the party's chances this fall. Small-dollar donations typically increase as an election nears. But the opposite has happened across a wide range of Republican entities, including every major party committee and former President Donald Trump's political operation.

The total amount donated online fell more than 12% across all federal Republican campaigns and committees in the second quarter compared with the first quarter, according to an analysis of federal records from WinRed, the main online Republican donation-processing portal.

More alarming for Republicans: Democratic contributions surged at the same time. Total federal donations on ActBlue, the Democratic counterpart, jumped more than 21%.

The overall Democratic fundraising edge online widened by \$100 million from the last quarter of 2021 to the most recent three-month period, records show.

Exacerbating the fundraising problems for Republicans is that Trump continues to be the party's dominant fundraiser and

yet virtually none of the tens of millions of dollars he has raised has gone toward defeating Democrats. Instead, the money has funded his political team and retribution agenda against Republicans who have crossed him.

The current political climate favors Republicans as President Joe Biden's approval rating plumbs new lows. But nearly a dozen Republican strategists directly involved in fundraising or overseeing campaigns have expressed concerns about how the fundraising downturn might limit their party's gains.

Working in the party's favor is that Wall Street billionaires and other industry titans have cut seven- and eight-figure checks to Republican super PACs, offsetting some of the party's small-dollar struggles, which some attributed to inflation and others to deceptive tactics that are turning off supporters over time.

"We've got to raise the money," Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said repeatedly on Fox News on July 22. "We get the money, we win."

For the Senate Republican committee, online fundraising plunged by \$6.7 million in the most recent quarter, to \$11 million. Top Republican Senate candidates, even those whose fundraising ticked up, are behind their Democratic rivals in the cash race.

The money gap is so pronounced that Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Ga., an endangered incumbent, raised more online last quarter — \$12.3 million —

than the combined WinRed quarterly hauls of Republican Senate nominees or presumptive nominees in Florida, Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

For years, Republicans have grown accustomed to trailing Democrats in online fundraising. Democratic donors poured more than \$200 million into losing Senate races in Kentucky and South Carolina last cycle — and neither contest ended up even close.

But the dip in online donations less than four months before Election Day — not just compared with Democrats but compared with the previous quarter — still has sent shock waves of anxiety across Republican circles.

Eric Wilson, director of the Center for Campaign Innovation, a conservative nonprofit focused on digital politics, commissioned a recent survey of Republican fundraisers and found 70% falling short of expectations. "You've got this perfect storm happening that has really put the brakes on grassroots fundraising," Wilson said.

Some Republicans blamed inflation. Some blamed tech platforms. Others accused certain campaigns and committees — in particular the highly aggressive Trump operation — of simply overfishing and polluting a limited donor pool for everyone.

Some Republicans have polled their donors to ask about why they were not giving and, according to people familiar with the results, inflation was the top answer.

Still, inflation's role is being debated in digital cir-



Former President Donald Trump speaks on the campaign trail July 8 in Las Vegas. Money raised by Trump has largely gone toward financing his political team and targeting Republicans who have crossed him in the past. **ROGER KISBY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

cles because it has not seemingly affected Democratic donations, which jumped particularly in the aftermath of the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade.

"They've got a lot of motivating factors," Wilson said of Democrats.

Still, when it comes to billionaire megadonors giving to super PACs, the Republican Party is easily outpacing the Democrats.

The main Senate Republican super PAC had nearly \$40 million more cash on hand than its Democratic counterpart entering July. The House Republican super PAC's cash edge was even bigger: nearly \$70 million.

Ken Griffin, CEO of the giant hedge fund Citadel, has poured nearly \$50 million into various federal super PACs before the 2022 election, including \$10 million to the main Senate arm and \$18.5 million into

the House super PAC.

Stephen Schwarzman, chairman of Blackstone, another hedge fund, contributed a combined \$20 million to the main House and Senate Republican super PAC this year.

Timothy Mellon, the banking fortune heir, and Patrick Ryan, who became a billionaire through the insurance industry, each contributed \$10 million to the main House GOP super PAC.

And Miriam Adelson, a physician whose husband, Sheldon Adelson, was long one of the party's most generous contributors until his 2021 death, made her first \$5 million donation of the 2022 cycle this month.

Democrats have had fewer donors at that level. And some of the party's biggest financiers in the past, notably Michael Bloomberg, the billionaire former mayor of New York City, have been

largely sitting on the sidelines of the 2022 super PAC wars.

While Bloomberg has often contributed closer to the election, he wrote an opinion essay this year warning that the Democratic Party was headed for a "wipeout," barring a "course correction." He has so far given only \$1.5 million to a super PAC he uses for federal races. Most of that went to a single Democratic primary in Georgia.

For Republicans, House candidate fundraising has been a relative bright spot, as a growing number of candidates are raising significant funds online.

As of this point in 2020, only 28 House Republican candidates and incumbents had raised over \$500,000 on WinRed, according to data compiled by the National Republican Congressional Committee. Now that figure stands at 94.

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\$4.5M in funding headed to Hartford

A look at projects, groups that will benefit from state dollars earmarked for city improvements

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The city, the Capital Region Development Authority and a number of Hartford nonprofits are among the beneficiaries of the latest round of hundreds of million of dollars in funding on the State Bond Commission agenda.

Speaker of the House Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, said the city will receive a total of \$4.5 million for brownfield remediation, the Hartline linear park project and property improvements on Magnolia and Irving streets. The

Bond Commission meets Friday.

Ritter said the \$2 million set for brownfield remediation is not designated for any specific property, but is instead at Hartford's discretion to spend.

"It's left open to the city to figure out," Ritter said. "Sometimes we are able to earmark some properties, but I think what this will give the city some flexibility for is as they put together larger developments, this will be helpful, especially around Homestead Avenue, for example. ... I think this money will help them put some bigger stuff together. ... I trust them and their development team to put it

to good use."

The \$1.5 million set aside for the Hartline project will go toward connecting a walking and bike trail between the city and Bloomfield.

"It's a project not a lot of people know about," Ritter said. "They have a large area to walk and bike. These are not uncommon in other towns, and it's really exciting. It's going to give people a safe place to do recreation, to travel, to get back and forth. It's a classic example of where I think state funding is really critical.

"This is truly a public infrastructure improvement project that's going to help multiple towns. It's going to help people in Bloomfield and Hartford, West Hartford. It's going to be a great project when it's done."

Other major funding the city will receive is \$1 million for improvements in the heart of the Albany Avenue area.

"That used to be a police station, a PAL satellite office with a basketball court," Ritter said. "It has sat there for a very long time."

Ritter said the city approached him with a request for funding to improve that parcel.

"This might be the bridge or gap funding that allows them to begin to figure out what to do with that parcel," he said. "The NRZ has been all over that parcel for a very long time. I'm very happy to see that happen. It's at a key place on Albany Avenue, and it's time to fix that up."

Ritter noted that the redevelopment of Albany Avenue "is coming

together" and the property at Magnolia and Irving streets is "one of the missing links" that needed some additional funding.

Mayor Luke Bronin lauded the city's legislative delegation and the governor for securing the funds for such important projects.

"I'm grateful to Speaker Ritter, our entire legislative delegation, and Gov. [Ned] Lamont for their support of these investments in our community," Bronin said. "These funds will help us to move some important community priorities forward — and they make a big difference."

Included in the CRDA funding is \$5.5 million for redevelopment of the former Fuller Brush

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Steep drop in Q2 for Stanley

Inflation and rising interest rates cut consumer demand

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Stanley Black & Decker Inc. on Thursday posted a steep decline in second-quarter profit as inflation and higher interest rates cut into consumer demand and poor weather delayed the start of the outdoor season.

The New Britain manufacturer of tools, outdoor power equipment and industrial products sharply scaled back its profit guidance for the year and announced cost-cutting intended to deliver \$1 billion in savings by the end of 2023.

Shares fell 16%, ending the day at \$98.58, the first time they traded at less than \$100 since May 13, 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Shares were as high as \$192.27 on Dec. 10, 2021.

Stanley Black & Decker benefited from a surge in do-it-yourself projects by consumers forced to stay home during the pandemic. Demand is now falling as COVID-19 retreats and high inflation and rising interest rates press consumer spending.

Chief Executive Officer Donald Allan Jr. reminded industry analysts on a conference call of "unusual activities" that include the start of the pandemic in 2020 and the brief recession that year, followed by a strong economy and now the possibility of another recession.

"We believe we are kind of normalizing back to 2019 levels as a result of what we're seeing right now," he said.

However, earnings of \$7.25 a share in 2019 are "not there yet," Allan said.

Stanley Black & Decker cut its profit outlook for the year to between \$5 a share and \$6 a share, down from previous guidance of \$9.50 to \$10.50. It includes a cut

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SOME FUN IN THE SUN



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Beachgoers loaded down with coolers and umbrellas arrive at Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison on Sunday. Matching striped umbrellas shade beachgoers with hopes of escaping the heat. Bella Martinez, 4, reacts to a small wave while cooling off with her mother, Mildred Rodriguez, of Meriden. "She lives in the water if we let her," Rodriguez said.

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Anti-abortion advocates pressing for parental notification legislation

By Jenna Carlesso
Ct Mirror

Anti-abortion advocates, emboldened by the recent reversal of Roe v. Wade, are setting their sights on what they say is a first step in placing restrictions on Connecticut's abortion rights: requiring minors to notify their parents when seeking an abortion.

The advocates are calling on lawmakers to draft a bill in the coming legislative session, which begins in January, that would mandate people under 16 to notify their parents prior to getting an

abortion.

Though such a proposal has failed in the past, leaders of anti-abortion organizations see new momentum in the wake of the June Supreme Court ruling abolishing the 49-year-old law that guaranteed the right to an abortion nationally. Abortion remains legal in Connecticut because of legislation passed in 1990 codifying Roe v. Wade into state statute.

"There's a massive mental and almost metaphysical shift involved in the overturning of Roe v. Wade that's going to affect us, even in a blue state like Connecticut,"

said Peter Wolfgang, executive director of the Family Institute of Connecticut. "No one can claim anymore that there is a right in the United States Constitution to abortion."

"The law is a teacher that's going to eventually work on people's minds and their spirits. Over time, I think, they're going to be more open to the idea that abortion is not some sort of sacrosanct right in the U.S. Constitution but that abortion is a political issue like other political issues."

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Police: 3 children found dead in Danbury home

Investigation points to apparent strangulation

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Police said three children age 5 to 12 found dead at a home on Whaley Street in Danbury "appear to have died by strangulation" while their mother's suspected cause of "death is asphyxia by hanging."

Police confirmed the identities of the four dead as Sonia Loja, 36, Junior Panjon, 12, Joselyn Panjon, 10, and Jonael Panjon. Loja was the mother of all three children, police said.

Loja is believed to have hanged herself, police said in a statement.

Preliminary findings indicated that Loja "strangled her three children before" taking her own life, but "this is still an active

investigation" and is pending an official autopsy, police said.

An autopsy was scheduled for Thursday morning at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Farmington, police said.

Two other adults lived at the residence with the family but were not present when police arrived. The other residents and extended family members were contacted about the incident, police said.

"A truly horrible event occurred in our city yesterday, and we mourn the tragic loss of life," Mayor Dean Esposito said in a release. "In the coming days, mental health and counseling services will be provided

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"I have always said it's a woman's choice, period. And so I would not look to amend the laws we have on the books at all."

— House Speaker Matthew Ritter, D-Hartford

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POLICE BRIEFS

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6th in-store bank robbed in 2 weeks

A People's United Bank inside of the Stop & Shop on Rubber Avenue was robbed Thursday, according to police.

Police say a man presented a note demanding money. There were no weapons reported in the robbery. Police described the suspect as a man with blue eyes and a goatee, wearing a black T-shirt, dark shorts and a black baseball hat.

This marks the sixth time a People's United Bank inside a grocery store has been robbed in Connecticut since July 15. There have also been reported robberies in Watertown, Glastonbury, Southington, West Hartford and Newington. Those robberies were similar to this one, with one or two men giving a note to the teller demanding money. It is unclear if the robberies are connected.

—Mike Mavredakis

SOUTHBURY

Trooper accused of sexual assault

A Connecticut state trooper has been suspended pending the outcome of a sexual assault investigation started Wednesday after constables were called to a home on Old Field Road in Southbury, state police said.

An individual at the residence made allegations at about 1:30 a.m. against state trooper Jose Campos, which prompted the investigation, state police said. Campos was suspended pending the outcome of the investigation, and his police powers have been revoked, state police said. The allegations are being investigated by the Central District Major Crime Squad, state police said.

In order to protect the integrity of the active investigation, the Connecticut State Police will not provide further information.

— Staff report

WEST HARTFORD

Driver hit with gun in road rage incident

A West Hartford man was arrested after a road rage incident in which he allegedly struck another driver with a gun.

According to West Hartford police, around noon on Wednesday a person reported that another driver, later identified as Christopher Rung, cut in front of him in Simsbury “while driving aggressively.” The driver followed Rung to his home on Lemay Street in West Hartford, police said. Rung allegedly got out of his vehicle with a handgun, walked up to the other driver's vehicle and pointed the gun at the driver and threatened to kill him, police said. He struck the man with the gun, but didn't fire it, police said.

The man reportedly suffered minor injuries. Police seized the gun and took Rung into custody. Rung, 53, of Lemay Street, was charged with second-degree assault with a firearm, first-degree threatening, first-degree criminal mischief and breach of peace. He was held on a \$250,000 bond before his arraignment in Hartford on Thursday.

— Staff report

Stanley

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of \$4.25 per share due to weaker revenue in the second half of the year due primarily to slower consumer demand in its tools and outdoor businesses.

Stripping out costs of about \$2 billion in three years and divesting units such as its oil and gas business will streamline Stanley Black & Decker, Allan said.

“We're no longer a diversified industrial company,” he said. “We are primarily a tools and outdoor company with an excellent industrial business alongside it as well.”

In the three months ended June 30, net income fell 80%, to \$87.6 million, or 57 cents a share, from \$459.5 million, or \$3.08 a share in the same quarter last year. Adjusted per-share earnings were \$1.77, missing Wall Street estimates of \$2.12, according to Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue rose 16%, to \$4.4 billion, but much of that was attributed to outdoor power equipment acquisitions.

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Social equity panel OKs 5 cannabis retailers

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

A state panel on Thursday approved five cannabis retail dispensaries as part of Connecticut's social equity initiative intended to benefit Black and other underrepresented communities.

The applicants approved by the Connecticut Social Equity Council will be referred to the state Department of Consumer Protec-

tion for the next step in the licensing process. They will be identified following that step.

The council denied one social equity retail application and approved a recommendation that nine Equity Joint Venture applications be denied, primarily due to ownership and control issues. The applications are opportunities for medical-use providers to convert to adult-use cannabis.

It's the second round of recom-

mendations by the Social Equity Council, which two weeks ago approved Connecticut's first cannabis growers as part of Connecticut's social equity program.

Of 41 applications received, 16 were approved and forwarded to state consumer protection officials for a background check.

The General Assembly and Gov. Ned Lamont enacted legislation last year allowing adult-use cannabis. The law includes a provision to

recognize the government's war on drugs that disproportionately prosecuted suspects in Black and other communities of color.

Applicants are being reviewed for licenses as cultivator, producer, manufacturer, food and beverage manufacturer, sales, dispensary facilities, delivery service and transporters.

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Hartford is slated to receive a total of \$4.5 million in state funding for brownfield remediation, the Hartline linear park project and property improvements on Magnolia and Irving streets. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Funding

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Co. factory in north Hartford into new housing units, which the city sees as critical to neighborhood revitalization.

“A classic example of a project that would not work without some gap financing,” Ritter said. “What the delegation has been trying to do with the CRDA over the years is to draw them into the neighborhoods. We're all about downtown ... but we want to draw them further into the city and the residential areas beyond downtown.”

In addition, the Connecticut Science Center would receive \$10

million for renovations and technology upgrades, Ritter said.

The improvements, Ritter said, are critical, but not the kind that would be easy, if possible at all, to fundraise for, such as HVAC units and elevator renovations.

“They have ongoing infrastructure improvements,” Ritter said. “This is a state-built facility. So, in my mind it's no different than a courthouse or a dorm at [a state college]. ... This is paying for the stuff everyone assumes is working and they've got to upgrade the stuff every three or four years.”

City-based nonprofits that are slated to receive grants include the Elizabeth Park Conservancy (\$1 million), Northside Neighborhood Alliance (\$500,000), the Albany

Avenue location of the YMCA of Greater Hartford (\$500,000) and the Northwest location of the Boys & Girls Club of Hartford (\$500,000).

“Each grant will help these community-based organizations move their important mission forward, which will not only enhance the quality of life in the neighborhoods they are located, but benefit all residents throughout the city,” Ritter said. “These nonprofits have a proven track record of improving the lives of the people they serve.”

The Hartford-based projects are part of hundreds of millions of dollars in spending that the State Bond Commission is expected to officially approve Friday.

Abortion

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Wolfgang and others say their ultimate goal is to repeal the 1990 law legalizing abortion in Connecticut, but they acknowledge the effort could take years or even decades in a liberal state. Democrats maintain strong majorities in the House and Senate, though the legislature is seeing a wave of departures as the fall election approaches.

For now, anti-abortion advocates are pressing for a bill on parental notification. Wolfgang said the requirement would facilitate “parental guidance for such a difficult decision” and would help curb the sexual exploitation of minors. He pointed to the case of Adam Gault, a former dog trainer in West Hartford who was convicted in 2008 of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a teenage girl. The girl's lawyer said in court that Gault raped and impregnated her, then forced her to have an abortion.

“In Connecticut, you need parental permission to get a body piercing or to go to the suntan parlor. But you can get an abortion without your parents even knowing about it,” Wolfgang said.

“We believe in the sanctity of life, and we also believe in the cohesion, the importance of protecting families,” said Chris Healy, executive director of the Connecticut Catholic Conference. “One way that happens is you instill parental responsibilities and rights in parents to manage and supervise and work with their children to bring them into adulthood.”

Bill O'Brien, vice president of Connecticut Right to Life, hopes more candidates with anti-abortion views will win seats in the General Assembly this fall.

Parental notification “has been tried several times in the past and hasn't gotten too much traction,” he said. “But, of course, we will have a new legislature next year. We'll see what happens. We'd like to push it.”

O'Brien said some minors are pressured into having an abortion, and parental notification could bring about support.

“It could be the boyfriend pushing [an abortion], it could be the boyfriend's parents pushing it because they don't want him stuck with child support or something,” he said. “It could be a coach, it could be an employer, anybody that's putting pressure on her. The parents should be aware of that and be able to give her support if she wants to carry that child.”

Thirty-six states require parental involvement in a minor's decision to have an abortion, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that supports abortion rights. Nine states require parental notification (with one mandating the notification of both parents), 21 require the consent of a parent (with three mandating the consent of both parents), and six require both consent and notification.

The laws vary by state. Some states require identification for parental consent. Others ask for proof of parenthood. Most of the 35 states with these laws allow for judicial bypass, which permits a minor to obtain approval from a court. Some states provide exceptions under certain circumstances, such as a medical emergency, rape or incest.

Leaders of abortion-rights

noted that parental involvement laws disproportionately affect minors from immigrant families.

“[Some] states require parents and youth to provide government-issued identification either at the provider or to obtain notarized consent documentation,” officials wrote on their website. “This poses a barrier to immigrant youth with undocumented parents who fear immigration enforcement as well as to youth who are unaccompanied or whose parents have been detained or deported.”

Other states “require proof of parenthood in the form of a birth certificate to provide parental consent, posing another barrier,” they wrote.

And though judicial bypass is available in most states, many minors are unaware of it or do not understand how to get it, or they may not have the transportation

“In Connecticut, you need parental permission to get a body piercing or to go to the suntan parlor. But you can get an abortion without your parents even knowing about it.”

— Peter Wolfgang, of the Family Institute of Connecticut

groups oppose these restrictions.

In a post on its website, the American Civil Liberties Union noted that, “most teens who do not involve a parent have very good reasons for not doing so.”

“Many come from families where such an announcement would only exacerbate an already volatile or dysfunctional family situation,” officials from the organization wrote. “Experience shows that teens' fears are well-founded. For example, one of the very first teens who was forced to notify a parent under Colorado's parental notice law was kicked out of her home when her mother learned of the pregnancy. Her mother took the money the teen had saved for the abortion and threatened to disown her if she went through with the procedure. When the teen called the clinic to reschedule her appointment, she was living in a friend's car.

“Far from strengthening her family and helping her make an informed decision, the law ruined her relationship with her mother and left her homeless with an unwanted pregnancy.”

Advocates for Youth, an organization that advocates for abortion and contraception access, reproductive justice and LGBTQ rights and health, among other issues,

necessary to get to court, the group noted.

“Parental involvement mandates may risk more harm to young people by delaying their medical care,” said Gretchen Raffa, vice president of public policy, advocacy and organizing with Planned Parenthood Votes! Connecticut. “The idea that forcing family communication will help young people — it actually could do the opposite and cause delays to them receiving time-sensitive care that they need.

“From the logistical burdens to the emotional stress, these types of parental involvement laws do the opposite of what advocates for parental involvement actually want them to do.”

Liz Gustafson, state director of NARAL Pro-Choice Connecticut, said some minors won't pursue needed services if they are forced to involve a parent.

“Ideally, a young person who faces an unintended pregnancy can seek the advice of a parent in their lives,” she said. “The majority of young people do, in fact, tell a parent about an unplanned pregnancy. But if for whatever reason a young person cannot go to a parent, they should be able to turn to a trusted adult and get the health care and information they need.”

Connecticut's law requires counseling for minors seeking an abortion, including a suggestion that they consult with a parent or family member.

Legislative leaders say despite the demise of Roe v. Wade, it's unlikely that abortion restrictions such as parental notification would succeed in Connecticut.

“I don't foresee the bill getting out of a committee, or maybe not even coming to a vote in the committee, unless it's offered as an amendment,” said Senate President Pro Tem Martin Looney, a Democrat from New Haven. “I don't see it making any headway.”

“As Speaker of the House, no bill could be called without my consent,” said House Speaker Matthew Ritter, D-Hartford. “Would I call that bill? No.

“Not everybody is in a situation where they are able to, because of circumstances, have that relationship or approach their parents. I have always said it's a woman's choice, period. And so I would not look to amend the laws we have on the books at all.”

Even so, advocates on both sides of the issue are looking ahead to the election and how it could shift momentum in one direction or the other. Bob Stefanowski, a Republican from Madison who is challenging Gov. Ned Lamont, has pledged support for a parental notification law.

“Consistent with the majority of other states, Connecticut should consider a parental notification requirement for minors under 16 seeking an abortion, except in the case of rape or incest,” Stefanowski has said.

Lamont, a Democrat, is opposed. “My instinct is that 98% of people, younger people, talk to their parents if they feel comfortable, they feel like it's safe, it's the right thing to do,” he has said.

Abortion-rights advocates say they're hoping not to lose ground in November. More than 30 seats in the state legislature are expected to be open this fall.

“Abortion is definitely on the ballot this election,” Raffa said. “It's more important than ever to get people elected in those open seats ... who are going to prioritize comprehensive reproductive health care and protecting and expanding access to abortion, and fight back against anti-abortion politicians who are trying to roll back our rights.”

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CONNECTICUT

‘Once-in-a-decade opportunity’

To expand public works facility, West Hartford wants to buy two land parcels for \$1.315 million

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

WEST HARTFORD — The West Hartford Town Council moved closer to purchasing two parcels of land across the street from the current Department of Public Works facility for a total of \$1.315 million in order to give the DPW more space for equipment. At its meeting on July 14, the council was presented with a real estate contract between the town and Cunningham Brothers Realty LLC for the purchase of 705 Oakwood Ave. and 12 Brixton St. Town Manager Rick Ledwith said the town has been interested in the properties for years. “Both of these properties are across the street from our department of public works complex,”

Ledwith said, adding that the owner let the town know that there are several offers for both properties, and offered the town the opportunity to consider a purchase. “These properties could provide us with a unique, once-in-a-decade opportunity to expand our current public works footprint,” Ledwith said, adding that the added land could allow for the town to better serve the community, including emergency preparedness and debris management. The land could be used for relocation of the animal control facility and fire training facility, as well as a fueling station and storage for more DPW equipment. Ledwith recalled that during the October snowstorm in 2011,

the town had to store material and debris at the UConn West Hartford campus, and that now, the property is owned by a private developer and the town would not have similar access. Another reason would be that the town is in the process of adding a material solutions center to its recycling operation at the DPW, and moving some facilities to across the street would free up more space for that. The town will begin a formal property review and other reviews, and the council would approve the final purchase in the fall. “However, if there are any issues uncovered during this due diligence review, we can terminate the contract at any time,” Ledwith said. Mayor Shari Cantor said that she and other members of the council recently took a tour of the DPW facility, and they have a

better understanding of the need for the added parcels. Council member Mark Zydanicz asked where the town would store storm debris, even if it had the new facility, if there was a lot of debris in the north end of town, further from the Oakwood/Brixton area. “Have you thought about that so that it’s more convenient and efficient?” he asked. DPW Director John Phillips said that historically, the town has used the Eisenhower Park parking lot, but it has used that location less frequently in recent years, due to increased activity at the park. “We’ve just made the decision to contract and break everything down to Brixton Street,” Phillips said. “It’s really worked well for us.” The council voted unanimously to approve the real estate contract. For more information, visit www.westhartfordct.gov.

Funds to prep for Millstone disaster

\$115K grant OK’d to help plan for potential nuclear emergency

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — The West Hartford Town Council unanimously approved the allocation of a \$115,253 grant to fund improvements to the town’s emergency facilities as part of the state’s preparedness plans for a radiological emergency at Millstone Nuclear Power Plant in Waterford. West Hartford, which holds the status of a “host community reception center,” would shelter evacuees in the event of a nuclear incident at Millstone. The town received the grant under the state’s Nuclear Safety Emergency Funding program, which supports Connecticut’s Radiological Emergency Preparedness and Response Program.

In May, the council approved another NSEF grant worth \$59,761 to purchase an “inflatable 4-lane decontamination unit and other equipment essential to its function.” According to a letter written by acting Town Manager Rick Ledwith to the council for its July 14 meeting, the latest \$115,243 grant, “will fund the purchase of equipment and supplies necessary to improve the town’s response to emergency situations, and to better maintain and operate emergency facilities such as shelters, reception centers, and heating and cooling centers.” The expenditures of these purchases will be included West Hartford Fire Department’s 2022-2023 budget and will be reimbursed by the NSEF grant. According to the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, other hosts eligible for NSEF grants include New Haven and the University of Connecticut.

In the event of a nuclear emergency at the Millstone plant, reception centers would assist evacuees with radiological monitoring and decontamination, potassium iodide tablets, medical services, crisis counseling and family reunification. Towns within the state’s designated Emergency Planning Zone for evacuations that lie within a 10-mile radius of Millstone include Waterford, East Lyme, Old Lyme, Lyme, Groton, New London, Ledyard, Montville and Fishers Island, NY. “EPZ towns and Host Communities typically have the highest level of training and capability of any local EOC’s [emergency operations center] in Connecticut. They also have the greatest responsibility in the event of an incident at Millstone,” the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection said on its NSEF information page.

The blues-band challenge is back at Bushnell Park

Some of Connecticut’s best-known musicians to take the stage for annual Black-Eyed & Bluesfest

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The Black-Eyed & Bluesfest, billed as the largest and longest-running blues festival in the state, returns to the Bushnell Park band pavilion this weekend, featuring some of the state’s best-known blues guitarists and harmonica players. The free public festival happens Saturday from 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday’s line-up is studded with well-known local blues/rock guitarists: ■ Paul Gabriel and his band. Gabriel’s albums include “Fate” and “What’s the Chance,” and he lists Duke Robillard as a major influence. ■ Versatile young rock/blues player Jake Kulak and The Low Down, whose debut album was recognized by The Courant as one of the best local albums of 2018. ■ The D. Smith Blues Band, led by guitarist Don Smith and harmonica player/vocalist Robert Orsi. ■ And “hokum blues” specialist Chris “Bad News” Barnes (who has a separate career as a comic actor) and The Blues Ballers joined by nationally known blues guitarists Gary Hoey and Early Times. On Sunday the stage is set for this year’s Connecticut Blues Challenge held by the Connecticut Blues Society. Five bands compete, and the winner gets a cash prize and the opportunity

to compete at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis. The semifinalists playing Sunday in the park are: ■ Down the Alley, based in Amherst, Mass., who nabbed the “wild card” slot in the finals. ■ The Rich Badowski Band, whose harmonica-playing leader hails from New Britain. ■ Carl Ricci & 706 Union Ave., who can be found at another local blues festival next week, in Stafford Springs on Aug. 6. ■ Snake Hill Blues featuring harmonica player Chris DePino, whose former jobs include train conductor and chairman of the state Republican party, guitarist/vocalist Joe Montalto and drummer Mark Zarillo. ■ And The Chicago Dawgs, featuring harmonica player Mark Zaretsky of another fine local blues band, Cobalt Rhythm Kings. The festival ends Sunday evening with an All-Star Blues Jam led by Phil “Deep Fry” Diiorio (of the Beale Street East band) and the Connecticut Blues Society All-Stars. Last year’s festival was not able to include the blues challenge, so this is the grand return of that element. Black-Eyed Sally’s restaurant on Asylum Street, which has been organizing the festival for more than 20 years, will once again be selling food and drinks in the park while the bands play. Black-Eyed Sally’s overcame several obstacles to make sure



Local blues guitarist Paul Gabriel is one of the featured acts Saturday at the Black-Eyed & Bluesfest. COURANT FILE PHOTO

last year’s festival happened after having to cancel the 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns. With the personal encouragement of Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and an emergency grant from the Greater Hartford Arts Council discretionary fund, the Black-Eyed & Bluesfest was one of a few summer events that were able to rebound quickly after the COVID-19 shutdown. In the time between last year’s Black-Eyed & Bluesfest and this one, Black-Eyed Sally’s was also able to restart its regular live blues series at the restaurant. This year, outdoor music festivals are once again a steady summer presence in Bushnell

Park and elsewhere in the city. Hartford’s “Summer in the City” promotional campaign is touting three other big festivals in Bushnell Park — the Taste of Caribbean and Jerk Festival on Aug. 6, the West Indian Independence Celebration on Aug. 13 and the Puerto Rican Day Parade and Festival de Coqui on Aug. 21 — as well the Riverfront Dragon Boat & Asian Festival on Aug. 20 at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza and the Hartford Pride Fest and Concert Sept. 10 on Trumbull Street. More information on the blues fest at blackeyedsallys.com. Christopher Arnott can be reached at carnott@courant.com.

Stefanowski plan would tap state’s reserves to boost small businesses

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

Republican gubernatorial challenger Bob Stefanowski unveiled a \$640 million relief plan this week that would spare businesses from repaying hundreds of millions of dollars owed to Connecticut’s unemployment trust. Stefanowski’s plan also would expand research-and-development tax credits, bolster relief for sole proprietorships and certain other small businesses, and repeal new taxes on restaurant food and on large commercial trucks. But Gov. Ned Lamont’s campaign responded the plan would strip nearly \$500 million from state reserves and weaken government’s readiness to withstand the next economic downturn. “Connecticut is ranked at the bottom of states to do business,” Stefanowski said. “CNBC just gave Connecticut’s economy an F. Small business owners are struggling with rampant inflation. ... The governor is completely out of touch with people’s pain.” The Madison businessman noted Connecticut just closed the 2021-22 fiscal year on June 30 with an unprecedented \$4.3 billion surplus — equal to one-fifth of the last budget’s entire General Fund. Lamont and the legislature agreed to dedicate most of that fiscal cushion, \$4.1 billion, to whittle down the state’s massive, long-

term pension debt — a \$40 billion problem created by decades of poor savings between the late 1930s and 2010. The remaining \$200 million would be used to increase the state’s emergency budget reserve from \$3.1 billion to \$3.3 billion, keeping it at 15% of the new fiscal year’s General Fund — the maximum allowed by law. But Stefanowski said businesses, small companies in particular, need help now. The single-largest component of his relief plan involves depositing \$400 million of Connecticut’s budget reserves into the state’s unemployment trust. That program has borrowed nearly \$1 billion from the federal government to help cover jobless benefits since the coronavirus pandemic first struck Connecticut in March 2020. More than 290,000 people received weekly benefits during the worst of the outbreak in the spring and early summer of 2020. Connecticut has repaid much of that debt but still owes nearly \$200 million. But even after that is covered, the state fund needs another \$1.4 billion to meet the federal solvency standard for unemployment trusts. That represents the estimated cost of one year of jobless benefits. Because Connecticut hasn’t met that standard for years, it cannot borrow interest-free when its fund is depleted. Businesses are assessed to replenish the unemployment fund,

including covering its debts as well as helping to elevate the balance toward the solvency threshold. The Connecticut Business and Industry Association has called repeatedly for a portion of state government’s budget windfall to be dedicated to shore up the trust and stave off higher assessments on businesses in future years. Besides the one-time deposit into the unemployment trust, Stefanowski also proposed four ongoing tax cuts to assist businesses: ■ Repealing the new highway use fee aimed at most large commercial trucks starting Jan. 1. This fee, which would not apply to dairy vehicles, is expected to generate about \$90 million per year. ■ Repealing the 1% sales tax surcharge on restaurant food and other prepared meals that Lamont and legislators approved in 2019. This costs consumers about \$65 million per year. ■ Restoring research and development business tax credits to pre-2019 levels, which would save companies about \$28 million per year. ■ And reversing a 2019 hike in the state tax on sole proprietorships, limited liability corporations and certain other smaller businesses. This would cost Connecticut about \$53 million per year. Stefanowski also renewed his challenge Tuesday to Lamont and the legislature to suspend the tax on diesel fuel for the rest of the calendar year. This would cost




Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski renewed his challenge Tuesday to Gov. Ned Lamont and the legislature to suspend the tax on diesel fuel for the rest of the calendar year. COURANT FILE PHOTO

the state roughly \$60 million. The per-gallon diesel tax rose on July 1 from 40.1 cents to 49.2 cents. Lamont campaign spokesman Jake Lewis noted Stefanowski did not explain in his plan how he would pay for the ongoing relief. “Bob’s plan not only lacks details but, like most things Bob sells, it lacks honesty as well,” Lewis said. “Under Gov. Lamont, we have seen 18 straight months of job growth, thousands of new businesses registering in record numbers, and the largest tax cuts for working families in state history.” Lamont and the legislature’s Democratic majority approved a \$660 million tax relief plan earlier this year. But while Democrats note it’s one of the largest in state history, Stefanowski and other Republicans counter it was far too modest, given a national inflation rate that has reached a 40-year high. “Now that Gov. Lamont has

put Connecticut on a strong and sustainable fiscal course,” Lewis added, “Bob Stefanowski appears determined to drag our economy back to the endless cycle of budget deficits and fiscal malfeasance.” Stefanowski responded that his plan would stimulate job growth and the state’s economy. “Based on Gov. Lamont’s failure to support small businesses, and the 739,000 people they employ, it doesn’t surprise me that he’s unhappy that my plan starts with cutting millions of dollars in taxes he raised that hurt Connecticut’s economy and entrepreneurs,” Stefanowski said. “Every tax dollar you give back to a small business owner gets reinvested right here and will help grow a strong, healthy local economy.”

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Roger S. Drezek (22-00633)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated July 25, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Richard J. Drezek
c/o STEPHEN MANGAN, ERICSON SCALISE & MANGAN, PC, 35 PEARL ST, STE 301, NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051
7/29/22 7259685

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES ROTUNDO, Late of East Hampton (22-00208)

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region #14 Probate Court, by decree dated July 26, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Rosetta F. Hinds, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Frank Rotundo
c/o RONALD WILHELM KUTZ, KUTZ LAW OFFICE LLC, 262 MARLBOROUGH STREET, PO BOX 261, PORTLAND, CT 06480
July 29, 2022 7259554

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MIDDLETOWN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
AUGUST 3, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Request to upgrade Red Road sewer pumping station which was originally constructed in 1969 at 90 Red Road. Applicant/Agent: Middletown Water & Sewer Department. 2022-7

Joseph Carta, Chair
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency
7/22 & 7/29/22 7252688

City of Bristol, Connecticut
INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Department for the City of Bristol, Connecticut is accepting sealed responses on the following:

2023-007 Six-Wheel Dump Truck; due August 17, 2022 at 2:00pm
2A23-008 Annual Requirements for Vehicle & Associated Equipment Repair and Service; due August 18, 2022 at 2:00pm

Proposal submissions will be accepted by the Purchasing Department until the date and time noted above; submissions received after this date and time will not be considered. Interested firms are required to submit one original copy via digital media of the proposal to Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent, no later than the date and time noted above. Submissions may be made via email, shared file service, or USB drive delivered to the address noted below; the City does not assume responsibility for failure of submissions to be received by the City by the date and time noted above.

The requirements for prevailing wage rates are to apply to the resultant contract award.

The successful bidder shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

Plans and specifications can be obtained online at the website below, or by contacting:

City of Bristol Purchasing Department
111 North Main St, Bristol, CT 06010
Tel. (860) 584-6195
purchasing@bristolct.gov
http://www.bristolct.gov/bids
7/29/2022 7259507

LEGAL NOTICE

The Killingworth Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at a Regular Meeting held on July 12, 2022 at Killingworth Emergency Operations Center, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, CT:
APPROVED: Tree removal on .25 acres for Fraser at 19 Beckwith Road.

7/29/22 7254397

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ann B. Richotte (22-00623)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated July 25, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Shawn W. Richotte
c/o JOAN REED WILSON, RWC LLC ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW, 330 S. MAIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457
July 29, 2022 7259214

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Dennis Siwik (22-00634)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated July 25, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Julie Siwik, 730 Ellis Street, Apt 20, New Britain, CT 06051
7/29/22 7259673

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MIDDLETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
AUGUST 4, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS PRIOR TO OR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

1. Request for a variance of Section 23.02A for the proposed installation of a generator at 169-171 Liberty St in the Mixed Use (MX) Zone to support group home in case of power loss. Applicant/Agent: David Ferrigno/Gilead Community Services, Inc. V2022.4
2. Request for a variance of Section 21.02 for the proposed addition of a covered front porch to the existing dwelling at 54 Dorothy Drive in the RPZ. Applicant/Agent: Kristen Rzasa. V2022.5
3. Request for a variance of Sections 48.03.08 and 48.05 for the proposed installation of two electronic institutional signs to be displayed at 1 Wilderman's Way. Applicant/Agent: Michael Scott/TSKP Studio. V2022.6
4. Request for a variance of Section 21.02 to allow a lot without frontage on an existing parcel located on Livingston Rd. Map-Lot: 44-0175. Applicant/Agent: Joseph M. Carta. V2022.7

Steven Kovach, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
7/22 & 7/29/22 7252707

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Shirley E. Rudolph (22-0423)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated July 26, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Rosemary L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Donald C. Rudolph II, 526 Green Belt Dr., Belgrade, MT 59714
July 29, 2022 7258978

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Marcin A. Grochal (22-00638)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated July 26, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Katarzyna Grochal
c/o JONATHAN R AUBIN, KEILY MIRA LAW, 968 FARMINGTON AVE., SUITE 208, WEST HARTFORD, CT 06107
July 29, 2022 7259202

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MIDDLETOWN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
AUGUST 10, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

1. Request for a special exception for a new farm winery located at 519 Miner Street in the R-30 Zone. Applicant/Agent: Joseph DeFrancesco/Fallsbrook Farm, LLC. SE2022-6.
2. Request for a special exception for a change of use from a residential to a professional office use for properties located at 316 and 324 Washington Street in the MXC zone. Applicant/Agent: Aston House, LLC. SE2022-7.

Thomas Pattavina, Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission
7/29, 8/5/2022 7257917

LEGAL NOTICE


CHESTER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Chester Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT to hear the following:

Application for Special Exception: 204 West Main Street – Camp Hazen YMCA, Inc.; Proposed site improvements at dining hall and beach area.


Details available on Town website or from zoningofficial@chesterct.org. At this Hearing interested parties may appear and be heard; written correspondence will be received and made a part of the record. Copy of the above is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk for public review.

Bettie Perreault, Secretary
Dated at Chester, Connecticut this 29th day of July 2022.
7/29, 8/5/2022 7253931



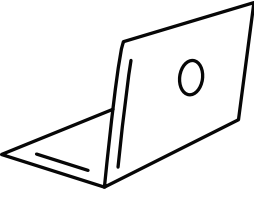
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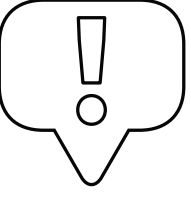
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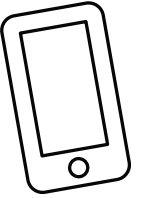
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JetBlue, Spirit announce \$3.8B merger agreement

Deal that would create 5th-largest carrier in US may pressure the top 4 airlines

By Niraj Chokshi
The New York Times

JetBlue Airways said Thursday that it had reached a deal to buy Spirit Airlines, a merger that could reshape the airline industry by putting pressure on the nation's four dominant airlines.

The deal, which values Spirit at \$3.8 billion, would create the nation's fifth-largest airline, with a combined share of more than 10% of the market, behind United Airlines, which has a nearly 14% share. Delta Air Lines and Southwest Airlines control more than 17% each, while American Airlines, the largest U.S. carrier, has more than 18%.

"We believe we can uniquely be a solution to the lack of competition in the U.S. airline industry and the continued dominance of the big four," Robin Hayes, JetBlue's chief executive, said in a statement. "By enabling JetBlue to grow faster, we can go head-to-head with the legacies in more places to lower fares and improve service for everyone."

The agreement is a victory for JetBlue, which successfully spoiled a rival offer: Frontier Airlines and Spirit had announced merger plans in February, but they called that deal off Wednesday, after Spirit struggled to convince its shareholders to back the offer, which fell short of JetBlue's by about \$1 billion.

JetBlue and Spirit said they expected to seek approval for the deal from Spirit's shareholders this fall and from regulators by early 2024. The airlines said they expected to close the transaction no later than the first half of 2024, with plans to begin operating as a single carrier by the first half of 2025.

But while the airlines have agreed to combine, closing the deal is far from certain. The Biden administration has taken a tough stance on antitrust enforcement, challenging corporate mergers that may reduce competition. Regulators have already sued JetBlue and American Airlines over a partnership at airports in Boston and New York.

To address regulatory scrutiny, JetBlue has said it would preemptively divest from

certain airports where the company and Spirit together have a big presence. One of the biggest concerns in airline mergers is that they can make one company dominant at certain airports or on certain flight routes, giving it the ability to squelch competition and raise fares for some travelers.

If regulators prevent the deal from going through, JetBlue would pay a fee of \$70 million to Spirit and \$400 million to its shareholders.

Under the merger agreement, JetBlue would acquire Spirit for at least \$33.50 per share in cash, significantly more than Spirit's closing price of \$24.30 on Wednesday.

The combined airline will be based in New York and led by JetBlue's chief executive, Robin Hayes. It will have a fleet of 458 aircraft, employ 34,000 employees and serve an estimated 77 million customers, the airlines said.

JetBlue said it expected \$600 million to \$700 million in annual savings from spreading fixed costs over a larger business once the two airlines are integrated.

US Bank opened fake accounts, CFPB says

By Ken Sweet
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For more than a decade, U.S. Bank pressured its employees to open fake accounts in their customers' names in order to meet unrealistic sales goals, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said Thursday, in a case that is deeply similar to the sales practices scandal uncovered at Wells Fargo in the previous decade.

The CFPB alleged that U.S. Bank accessed consumers credit reports to open checking and savings accounts, credit cards and lines of credit without their permission. Employees were encouraged to do so in order to meet the bank's goals of selling multiple products to each customer with the bank.

The scale of the fake accounts scandal by U.S. Bank was not disclosed immediately by the CFPB, but the bank was forced to pay \$37.5 million in fines and penalties and will have to refund customers any fees they paid for the fake accounts.

"For over a decade, U.S. Bank knew its employees were taking advantage of its customers by misappropriating consumer data to create fictitious accounts," said CFPB Director Rohit Chopra in a statement.

A spokesman for U.S. Bank said the bad sales practices were a legacy issue at the bank dating back to 2016, and that the bank has made significant improvements to its sales practices since then. The consent order reached with the CFPB acknowledges that U.S. Bank did make improvements to its sales practices in recent years, which included no longer tying pay to opened accounts and requiring customers' consent to open new services.

Wells Fargo's sales practices scandal rocked the financial world half a decade ago, when the bank was found to have encouraged employees to open millions of fake accounts to meet sales goals.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Shell posts record profits once more

LONDON — Shell posted record profits Thursday for a second straight quarter as the energy giant benefited from soaring prices of oil and natural gas fueled by Russia's war in Ukraine and supply reductions driven by the global pandemic.

London-based Shell said its second-quarter adjusted earnings — which exclude one-time items and fluctuations in the value of inventories — rose to \$11.5 billion from \$5.5 billion in the same three-month period last year.

The latest earnings smash its record set in the previous quarter, when the company recorded \$9.1 billion in adjusted earnings.

Shell also said it would buy back another \$6 billion in shares, underlining its healthy cash position.

30-year mortgage rate drops to 5.3%

WASHINGTON — Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates retreated this week just as the Federal Reserve announced another big rate hike in its bid to get four-decade-high inflation under control.

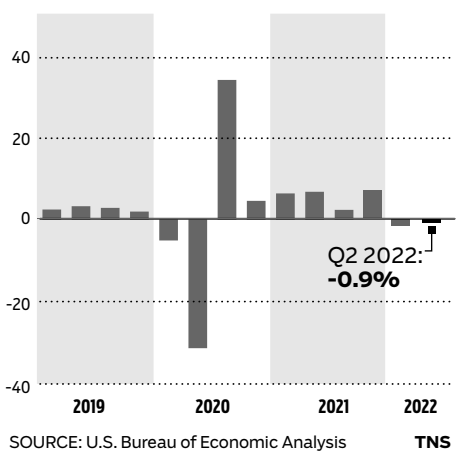
Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the 30-year rate fell back to 5.3% from 5.54% last week. One year ago the average 30-year rate was 2.8%.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages — popular among those refinancing their homes — also retreated, to 4.58% from 4.75% last week. A year ago at this time, the rate was 2.1%.

The Fed on Wednesday ratcheted up its main borrowing rate by three-quarters of a point, the second such increase in less than two months.

GDP

Percent change from previous quarter, seasonally adjusted, advance estimate:



As wildfires continue to ravage drought-stricken California, an air tanker battles the Oak Fire on Sunday in Mariposa County. NOAH BERGER/AP

State of deep, enduring denial

Disinformation campaign on climate change leaves lasting mark, but world still heats up

By David Klepper
Associated Press

In 1998, as nations around the world agreed to cut carbon emissions through the Kyoto Protocol, America's fossil fuel companies plotted their response, including an aggressive strategy to inject doubt into the public debate.

"Victory," according to the American Petroleum Institute's memo, "will be achieved when average citizens 'understand' (recognize) uncertainties in climate science... Unless 'climate change' becomes a non-issue ... there may be no moment when we can declare victory."

The memo, later leaked to The New York Times, went on to outline how fossil fuel companies could manipulate journalists and the public by muddying the evidence, by playing up "both sides" of the debate and by portraying those seeking to reduce emissions as "out of touch with reality."

Nearly 25 years later, the reality of a changing climate is now clear to most Americans.

Last week, President Joe Biden announced moves intended to expand offshore wind, though he stopped short of declaring a national climate emergency. A Supreme Court ruling last month limited the federal government's ability to regulate carbon emissions from power plants, meaning it will be up to a divided Congress to pass any meaningful limits on emissions.

Even as surveys show the public generally has become more concerned about climate change, a sizeable number of Americans have become even more distrustful of the scientific consensus.

"The tragedy of this is that all over social media, you can see tens of millions of Americans who think scientists are lying, even about things that have been proven for decades," said Naomi Oreskes, a Harvard University science historian. "They've been persuaded by decades of disinformation. The denial is really, really deep."

And persistent. Just last month, even with record heat in London, raging wildfires in Alaska and historic flooding in Australia, the Science and Environmental Policy Project, a pro-fossil-fuel think tank, said all the scientists had it wrong.

"There is no climate crisis," the group wrote in its newsletter.

Years before COVID-19 set off a wave

of misinformation, or former President Donald Trump's lies about the 2020 election helped spur an insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, fossil fuel companies spent big in an effort to undermine support for emissions reductions.

Starting in the 1980s and 1990s, as public awareness of climate change grew, fossil fuel companies poured millions of dollars into public relations campaigns denouncing the accumulating evidence supporting the idea of climate change. They funded supposedly independent think tanks that cherry-picked the science and promoted fringe views to make it look like there were two legitimate sides to the dispute.

Aggressive approaches to address climate change are now dismissed on economic grounds. Fossil fuel companies talk about lost jobs or higher energy prices — without mentioning the cost of doing nothing, said Ben Franta, an attorney, author and Stanford University researcher who tracks fossil fuel disinformation.

"We are living within an extended multidecade campaign executed by the fossil fuel industry," Franta said. "The debate (over climate change) was manufactured by the fossil fuel industry in the 1990s, and we are living with that history right now."

Week's jobless claims fall, but see rising trend

By Matt Ott
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fewer Americans applied for jobless benefits last week, but the previous week's number was revised upward significantly, with claims breaching the 250,000 level in back-to-back weeks for the first time in more than eight months.

Applications for jobless aid for the week ending July 23 declined by 5,000 to 256,000 from the previous week's 261,000, the Labor Department reported Thursday. The number of claims for the week of July 16 was revised upward by 10,000 from the previous estimate of 251,000.

First-time applications generally reflect layoffs.

The four-week average for claims, which smooths out some of the week-to-week volatility, rose by 6,250 from the previous week, to 249,500. That number is also at its highest level since November of last year.

The total number of Americans collecting jobless benefits for the week ending July 16 fell by 25,000 from the previous week, to 1,359,000. That figure has been near 50-year lows for months.

Earlier this month, the Labor Department reported that employers added 372,000 jobs in June, a surprisingly robust gain and similar to the pace of the previous two months. Economists had expected job growth to slow sharply last month given the broader signs of economic weakness.

The unemployment rate remained 3.6%

for a fourth straight month, matching a near-50-year low that was reached before the pandemic struck in early 2020.

Earlier in July the government reported that U.S. employers advertised fewer jobs in May amid signs that the economy is weakening, though the overall demand for workers remained strong. There are nearly two job openings for every unemployed person.

Though the labor market is still considered strong, there have been some high-profile layoffs announced recently by Tesla, Netflix, Carvana, Redfin and Coinbase. Other indicators, however, are pointing to some economic weakness. The government said Thursday that the U.S. economy shrank 0.9% in the second quarter, the second straight quarterly contraction.

BUSINESS

The Choco Taco has been referred to as the “most beloved and innovative” of all ice cream snacks. **CLAIRE GRUMMON/ UNILEVER**



Choco Taco’s end confirmed, melting hopes of treat’s fans

By Daniel Victor
The New York Times

The Choco Taco, a nut-and-chocolate-topped ice cream snack that for decades has been a top choice at the ice cream truck or convenience store freezer, is being discontinued, its creator confirmed this week after weeks of rumors about its demise.

Klondike, which is owned by Unilever and makes the Choco Taco along with several other ice cream products, confirmed the discontinuation on its website and in response to several disappointed questions from fans on Twitter, some laced with profanity.

“Unfortunately, the Klondike Choco Taco has been discontinued,” one such response read. “We’ve experienced an unprecedented spike in demand across our portfolio and have had to make very tough decisions to ensure availability of our full portfolio nationwide. We’re very sorry for any disappointment!”

The Choco Taco is a waffle cone shaped like a taco shell and filled with fudge-swirled ice cream that is then dipped in chocolate and peanuts.

To many of the Choco Taco’s fans, who mourned

its loss en masse on social media, it tasted like summer or childhood or a beloved memory, even if they had not had one in years. And it was in its own way inventive when it was created by Alan Drazen in Philadelphia in 1983, according to a 2016 history of the snack in Eater that referred to it as the “most beloved and innovative of all the American ice cream ‘novelties.’”

“When you eat a sugar cone, you generally eat the nuts, chocolate, and ice cream on the top, and then when you get to the cone, you’re (only) eating ice cream and cone,” Drazen told Eater. “With the Choco Taco you’re getting the ice cream, cone, nuts and chocolate with just about every bite.”

The company’s confirmation ended what had been confusing times for lovers of the summertime treat. Rumors had swirled throughout the year that the Choco Taco was no more as people reported being unable to find them on their local shelves. But on several occasions from December up through last week, Klondike reassured fans on Twitter that while it had pulled four-packs of the Choco Taco last fall, single servings would still be avail-

able in all the usual places.

But on Monday, night, the confirmation of its demise was reported by The Takeout, a food-focused publication.

Snopes, the website that aims to debunk baseless myths and rumors, published an article Monday calling the Choco Taco’s discontinuation “false,” before having to reverse course just hours later.

“When we originally addressed the rumor, we labeled it ‘False,’ in part, because we didn’t want to believe that it was true,” Snopes wrote.

Others hoped to find a way to prevent the Choco Taco from vanishing, including Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian.

“Dear @Unilever — I’d like to buy the rights to your Choco Taco and keep it from melting away from future generations’ childhoods,” he tweeted.

In one of its responses to disappointed Twitter users, Klondike offered hope.

“We’re working hard to find a way to bring Choco Taco back to ice cream trucks in the coming years,” it said.

The Associated Press contributed.

FTC acts to block Meta bid to buy VR company, fitness app

By David McCabe and Mike Isaac
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission has filed for an injunction to block Meta, the company formerly known as Facebook, from buying a virtual reality company called Within, potentially limiting the company’s push into the so-called metaverse and signaling a shift in how the agency is approaching tech deals.

The antitrust lawsuit is the first under Lina Khan, the commission’s chair and a leading progressive critic of corporate concentration, against one of the tech giants. Khan has argued that regulators must stop competition and consumer protection violations when it comes to the bleeding edge of technology, including virtual and augmented reality, and not just in areas where the companies have already become behemoths.

The FTC’s request Wednesday for an injunction puts Khan on a collision course with Mark Zuckerberg, Meta’s chief executive, who is also named as a defendant in the request. He has poured billions of dollars into building products for virtual and augmented reality, betting that the immersive world of the metaverse is the next technology frontier. The lawsuit could crimp those ambitions.

“Meta could have chosen to try to compete with Within on the merits,” the FTC said in its lawsuit, which was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. “Instead, it chose to buy” a top company in what the government called a “vitaly important” category.

In a statement, Meta said the FTC’s case was “based on ideology and speculation, not evidence.” It added that the lawsuit was an attack



The FTC has potentially complicated CEO Mark Zuckerberg’s plan to transform Meta, formerly known as Facebook, away from its roots as a social media company. **NICK WASS/AP 2019**

on innovation and that the agency was “sending a chilling message to anyone who wishes to innovate in VR.”

Meta had said it would acquire Within, which produces the highly popular fitness app called Supernatural, last year for an undisclosed sum. The company has promoted its virtual reality headsets for fitness and health purposes.

The FTC’s lawsuit is highly unusual and pushes the boundaries of antitrust law. Regulators mostly focus on deals between large companies in large markets, rather than their acquisitions of small startups in nascent tech areas. Courts have also been skeptical applying antitrust law to block mergers based on the hypothetical that the two companies involved would later become competitors if the deal was blocked.

But critics have said the government’s inaction has allowed Meta and other giants to vacuum up services that later became formidable. The agency approved Facebook’s 2012 acquisition of Instagram, the photo-sharing app that has since grown to more than 1 billion regular users. Instagram has helped Meta dominate the market on social photo sharing, though

other startups have sprung up since.

“It’s a riskier case, but one they think is worth bringing because if they succeed it will help bring the frontier of enforcement outward,” said William Kovacic, a former chairman of the FTC. “I think this is a first of a kind.”

The FTC’s lawsuit is part of a broader wave of actions against Meta and other large tech companies, which have increasingly faced scrutiny for their power and dominance. Under Khan’s predecessor, the FTC filed a lawsuit against Facebook that argued the company shut down nascent competition through acquisitions. The Justice Department has also sued Google over whether the company abused a monopoly over online search.

The FTC filed suit on Wednesday hours before Meta reported its first decline in quarterly revenue since it went public in 2012. The company earned profits of \$6.69 billion in the April-June period — down 36% from \$10.39 billion in the same period a year ago. Revenue was \$28.82 billion, down 1% from \$29.08 billion a year earlier.

The Associated Press contributed.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Friday, July 29, 2022

▲ **DOW**
32,529.63 +332.04

▼ **10-YR T-BOND**
2.67% -.07

▲ **GOLD**
\$1,750.30 +31.20

Dow Jones Industrials
Close: 32,197.59
Change: 436.05 (1.4%)

10 DAYS

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	96.42	97.26	+28.20%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.13	8.67	+118.07%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.46	3.43	+55.48%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,750.30	1,719.10	-4.22%
Silver (oz)	19.83	18.55	-15.01%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.2151	.8230
Canada	.7798	1.2824
China	.1482	6.7473
Euro	1.0177	.9826
Japan	.007444	134.35
Mexico	.049251	20.3042

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV.	WK.
Prime rate	5.50	4.75	
3-mo. T-Bill	2.40	2.45	
6-mo. T-Bill	2.87	3.11	
5-yr T-Note	2.69	3.00	
10-yr T-Note	2.67	2.91	
30-yr T-Bond	3.03	3.07	

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,282.11	+115.73	+88%	-16.39%
London	7,345.25	-2.98	-.04%	-.53%
Hong Kong	20,622.68	-47.36	-.23%	-11.86%
Nikkei	27,815.48	+99.73	+3.6%	-3.39%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	32,529.63	+332.04	-10.48%
DOW Trans.	14,275.30	+428.29	-13.37%
DOW Util.	1,014.35	+30.39	+3.42%
NYSE Comp.	15,198.81	+167.77	-11.45%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,162.59	+130.17	-22.26%
S&P 500	4,072.43	+48.82	-14.56%
S&P 400	2,480.86	+37.95	-12.71%
Wilshire 5000	40,557.76	+499.26	-16.31%
Russell 2000	1,873.03	+24.69	-16.58%

Stocks of Local Interest							
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG
AT&T Inc (T)	18.58	+19	-24.5	MetLife Inc (MET)	61.85	-.40	-1.0
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	91.67	+1.85	-36.3	Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	276.41	+7.67	-17.8
Alphabet Inc A (GOOGL)	114.22	+1.16	-21.1	Missfresh Limited (MF)	.14	-.10	-97.3
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	122.28	+1.31	-26.7	Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.81	-.06	-84.6
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	13.76	-.21	-23.4	Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH)	12.11	+.61	-41.6
Amphenol Corp (APH)	76.71	+2.28	-12.3	Novartis AG (NVS)	87.26	+.51	-.2
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.79	+.24	-13.2	Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	4.21	+.17	-55.1
Apple Inc (AAPL)	157.35	+.56	-11.4	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	179.84	+1.94	-38.9
Athersys Inc (ATHX)	.33	+.14	-64.0	Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	76.85	+.41	-11.7
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	48.67	+1.78	-.24	Palantir Technol (PLTR)	10.13	+.11	-44.4
Bank of America (BAC)	33.32	-.27	-25.1	Petros Pharmaceutical (PTPI)	.82	+.02	-75.4
Barnes Group (B)	34.69	+.96	-25.5	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	50.72	-.83	-14.1
Bausch Health Cos (BHC)	5.10	-3.58	-81.5	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.41	-.73	-48.6
Better Therapeutics (BTX)	1.99	+.46	-57.2	Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	21.63	+4.45	-23.4
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1912.93	+35.35	-20.3	Prudential FncI (PRU)	98.10	+.46	-9.4
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	74.70	-.11	+19.8	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	65.44	+3.54	-1.9
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	95.53	-.34	-7.4	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	92.39	+2.12	+7.4
Carnival Corp (CCL)	9.10	+.25	-54.8	Rogers Corp (ROG)	269.55	+.25	-1.3
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	39.48	-.06	-27.2	SIGA Technologies (SIGA)	22.35	+4.45	+197.2
Charter Communic (CHTR)	435.58	-40.36	-33.2	SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	57.59	-3.94	-29.8
Cigna Corp (CI)	273.22	-1.51	+19.0	Shopify Inc (SHOP)	35.91	+.67	...
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	39.41	-3.96	-21.7	Snap Inc A (SNAP)	9.67	+.12	-79.4
Cryptade Inc (TYDE)	1.35	+.08	...	Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	6.97	-.36	+49.6
Disney (DIS)	104.90	+1.40	-32.3	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	98.58	-18.87	-47.7
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	114.71	+5.80	-10.0	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.72	+.45	-2.4
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.53	+.08	-85.8	Sunrun Inc (RUN)	30.92	+7.13	-9.9
Ethan Allen (ETD)	22.98	+.31	-12.6	Teladoc Inc (TDOC)	35.60	-7.64	-61.2
Eversource Energy (ES)	88.26	+3.05	-3.0	Terex Corp (TEX)	32.83	+1.01	-25.3
Ford Motor (F)	14.00	+.81	-32.6	Tesla Inc (TSLA)	842.70	+18.24	-20.3
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.57	+.18	-31.3	Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	3.65	+.39	-48.1
Gen Dynamics (GD)	223.80	+3.95	+7.4	ToughBuilt Inc (TBLT)	5.86	+1.28	-89.3
Gen Electric (GE)	73.14	+1.56	-22.6	Travelers Cos (TRV)	155.74	-3.22	-.4
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	62.85	-1.49	-9.0	United Rentals (URI)	304.83	+17.60	-8.3
Honeywell Intl (HON)	190.44	+6.78	-8.7	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	541.49	+6.88	+7.8
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	12.74	+.28	-20.0	Virtus Invest (VRTS)	202.38	+7.81	-31.9
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	19.15	+.44	-24.3	Voya Financial (VOYA)	59.39	+.09	-10.4
Intel Corp (INTC)	39.71	-.47	-22.9	Webster Financial (WBS)	45.97	-.04	-17.7
Kaman (KAMN)	30.42	+.44	-29.5	White Mtns Insur (WMT)	1229.15	-13.90	+21.2
Keycorp (KEY)	17.91	-.11	-22.6	World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	69.49	+1.34	+40.8
Kinross Gold (KGC)	3.37	+.14	-42.0	XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	57.12	+3.02	-26.2
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	50.42	+.10	-26.1	Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	16.85	+.13	-25.6
M&T Bank (MTB)	173.89	+.91	+13.2	Yamana Gold Inc (AUY)	4.75	+.10	+12.6
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	32.61	+1.20	-27.3				
Marathon Digital Hld (MARA)	13.20	+.88	-74.1				
Meta Platforms Inc (META)	160.72	-8.86	-52.2				

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Biden should act as Tunisia crumbles

By Bobby Ghosh
Bloomberg Opinion

On the day Tunisia's democracy died, it fell to a State Department spokesperson to deliver the Biden administration's mealy-mouthed pieties. Asked about Monday's constitutional referendum that allowed President Kais Saied to institutionalize one-man rule in the North African nation, Ned Price offered the following observations:

"Well, we note the outcome that has been reported by the Independent High Authority for Elections and civil society election observers. The referendum has been marked by low turnout. That is something we do note.

A broad range of Tunisia's civil society, media, and political parties have expressed deep concerns regarding the referendum.

And in particular, we note the widespread concerns among many Tunisians regarding the lack of an inclusive and transparent process and limited scope for genuine public debate during the drafting of the new constitution. We also note concerns that the new constitution includes weakened checks and balances that could compromise the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

Note the absence of any direct criticism of the man who has garroted the Arab world's most promising democracy. Instead of calling out Saied for his appropriation of near-absolute authority, the Biden administration once again failed to live up to its own billing as a defender of democracy.

There would have been plenty to criticize. Saied seized control of the election commission ahead of the vote, in addition to muzzling the media, jerry-rigging the judiciary and jailing political opponents. And the overwhelming majority of Tunisians chose not to vote, undermining the autocrat's attempt to legitimize his power grab by refusing to participate in the stage-managed exercise.

Even taking at face value the election



Tunisian President Kais Saied, center, seized control of the country's election commission ahead of a key vote. **ANIS MILI/GETTY-AFP**

commission's claim of a 30.4% turnout, it was an abysmal showing for Saied. (In contrast, the Egyptian strongman Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi managed a 38.6% turnout for his 2014 constitutional referendum.) The president offered the lamest of excuses: More people would have voted if they had had two days, instead of one, Saied said.

In the days ahead, Saied's opponents will make the most they can of the poor turnout to question the lawfulness of the new constitution — and by extension, the president's right to rule.

Like autocrats everywhere, Saied will seek alternative sources of legitimacy. Expect government-supported rallies celebrating the constitution in Tunis and expressions of fealty from the armed forces.

The president will also draw legitimacy from the willingness of foreign leaders — and especially leaders of democratic states — to do business with him.

He will be reassured by reluctance of democracy's defenders to even criticize, much less condemn, his sham of a referendum.

Saied will hope that the Biden administration does for him what the administration of President Barack Obama did for el-Sissi: Accept the new constitution as a fait accompli and look the other way as the Tunisian president uses it to tighten his grip over all levers of the state.

President Joe Biden should deny Saied that satisfaction. Instead, the U.S. president can start making up for his failure to protect Tunisia's democracy by making it clear his administration has done more than "note" Saied's attempt to institutionalize authoritarianism.

Biden is no slouch at using strong language in situations like this. Only last November, he condemned Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega for staging a "pantomime" election. Saied should get similar treatment.

Presidential rhetoric aside, the official U.S. position should be that the referendum was too flawed for the results to hold any validity.

And any move by Saied to exercise the powers arrogated to the presidency in the new constitution should be met by full-throated condemnation and, where possi-

ble, economic sanctions.

Biden should demand that Saied restore the independence of Tunisia's judiciary as well as the freedom of its press, and work with opposition parties toward a power-sharing arrangement and fresh elections.

If Saied refuses, the U.S. should withhold all aid for Tunisia and encourage its European partners to do likewise. The Biden administration should also be prepared to exercise the U.S. veto on any International Monetary Fund assistance for Tunisia.

That would hit Saied where it hurts the most. He desperately needs foreign funding and the IMF's help to start repairing Tunisia's crumbling economy. Failure to deliver on that front will swiftly remove even the limited support he enjoys, and put paid to any claims to legitimacy.

Biden has much to answer for his failure to live up to his professed values. In Tunisia, he has an opportunity to do something of note.

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On television and in real life, who owns the West?



Ross Douthat

In the most popular show on American television, "Yellowstone," the heroes are the rich owners of a vast, gorgeous spread of Montana real estate. The villains are anyone else who wants to live there.

I exaggerate; the show is a little more complicated. There are times when the Duttons, the ranch-owning family patriarched by Kevin Costner's John Dutton, play more like HBO-style antiheroes than sympathetic protagonists (when they commit the occasional murder, for instance), and their rivals for Montanan power include a nearby Native American tribe whose aspiration to reclaim their ancestral lands is treated with respect.

But fundamentally "Yellowstone" is about the preservation of a particular vision of the West (cowboys, ranches, open spaces, families that understand stewardship and that aren't just there for the views), and its sympathies are with the preservationists, no matter what their sins. Indeed, the Duttons' main Native American rival is himself a sympathetic figure precisely because he, too, wants to protect the West from its coastal new-money invaders — by using casino money to rewind the Dutton ranch even farther back in time and letting his people live there in some kind of harmony with nature once again.

"Yellowstone" is a hit because it makes this vision of pastoral stewardship so seductive. I recommend reading Kathryn VanArendonk's New York magazine essay on the show for a case study in how the most red-state show on television can reel in even a blue-state TV critic. I also recommend watching the show in tandem with the structurally similar but radically different "Succession." Both are about what you might call family capitalism, the portion of American business that remains right wing even as corporate power centers like Wall Street and Silicon Valley tilt to the cultural left. But the HBO show is a savage jeremiad, inspiring sympathy for its characters only insofar as they're prisoners of familial pathology. Whereas the central theme of "Yellowstone" is that family capitalism is flawed and sinful but corporate capitalism is worse and it's better to be ruled by a patriarchy than a private-equity raider or a faceless board.

Finally, if you watch the show from outside the Mountain West, as clearly most of its fans do, I recommend experiencing



Brecken Merrill, left, and Kevin Costner in "Yellowstone." **CAM MCLEOD/PARAMOUNT NETWORK**

firsthand the territory in which "Yellowstone" is set — as my family just did on a road trip that took us through the region — and seeing how it changes your responses to the show.

My own shift was complicated. On the one hand, as an Easterner accustomed to big cities and dense suburbs, to experience the West's mixture of majesty and emptiness is to feel more intensely what John Dutton's various foils and rivals feel — that something extraordinary is effectively hoarded here, with whatever admirable intentions, and that more Americans should be able to live in the shadow of such beauty, even if they are just there for the views.

At every semiurban stop along the way, from Rapid City, South Dakota, to Missoula, Montana, to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, I laughed at what passes for density and congestion west of the Mississippi. Yes, there are conservationist reasons to keep the human footprint light, and yes, the water in the high plains would probably never support the sprawl outside, say, Atlanta. I'm not suggesting that we should build an American version of Saudi Arabia's planned desert supercity just east of the Bighorn Range. (Let's see how the Saudi version goes first.)

A bigger Rapid City, though, or a more bustling Great Falls, Montana? A Wyoming with, say, three inhabitants for every hundred-odd acres instead of just one? That all sounds like a reasonable and desirable future. And not just because the landscapes are so ridiculously beautiful or even because people may be healthier and thinner at higher altitudes. More population

growth out West might also be good for the American republic, giving regions that often feel neglected more representation in the House and giving liberal coast dwellers less reason to complain about rural-state power in the Senate.

Just when these kind of thoughts had me ready to hand the Dutton Ranch over to its development-minded enemies, though, I would hit a place where significant population growth is already happening — a boomtown like Bozeman, Montana, or one of the Californian outposts that have sprung up across Idaho — and suddenly see the world from the Dutton family's perspective once again.

That's because growth in these places doesn't feel like some kind of upwardly mobile Laura Ingalls-type westward migration; it feels as if an alien starship had beamed little chunks of coastal supergentrification down into the West. The median single-family home price in Bozeman costs around \$900,000; the main street in a place like Sandpoint, Idaho, is a festival of liberal haute-bourgeois taste with Western flourishes. At least where I encountered it, the growing diaspora in the Mountain West isn't bringing the mountains to the middle-class masses; it's red-state colonization by the blue-state rich.

Not that there's anything wrong with coastal rich people (perish the thought!). But in any city or region, whether it's Whitefish, Montana, or Washington, D.C., the case for development and pro-growth zoning, for a yes-in-my-backyard spirit, depends, to a large extent, on the benefits to potential newcomers and migrants. That always makes YIMBYism a relatively

hard sell to incumbents — and when all the newcomers seem privileged, when they make developers rich but start pricing normal people out, when they make your relatively egalitarian state a case study in zooming inequality, you can see why a politics of preservation would be as popular as a hit like "Yellowstone."

But the problem is that preservationism in this context is likely to be self-defeating. If the rich really like your state or region, the rich will always find a way to come. What zoning limits and housing regulations really affect is whether anyone except the rich can afford your state's nicest precincts. If they can't, then the attractiveness of purple-mountain-majesty to coastal elites will just recreate coastal inequalities and fuel working-class resentments, in a dynamic that's already visible in the mountain states wherever the posh colonies give way to the alienation of Trump country.

If you look at zoning rules in Montana's most attractive cities, they point to this kind of Western future. For instance: According to the Frontier Institute, a Montana-based libertarian think tank, a city like Missoula, which is still more middle class and affordable than Bozeman, has exclusionary zoning — restrictions on town homes and multifamily units, minimum lot requirements — that make it difficult for young families and working-class newcomers to get a foothold in the city. That suggests that Missoula's relative middle-class-ness won't last: If I were a Silicon Valley or Seattle exile, I would already be looking there rather than Bozeman. If I were a property speculator, I'd be buying there right now. And if I didn't have much money to spend, I'd be drifting into the hinterlands or looking in a different state.

Part of the appeal of the Dutton family drama is the knowledge that the "Yellowstone" patriarch can't ultimately win — that you're watching and appreciating something familiar in Western lore, the doomed last stand. But in reality, when regions are experiencing growth they can't and shouldn't stop, they still have important choices to make: not whether change and new inhabitants will come but in what form, with what consequences for the society that takes shape next.

More Americans should live in the West, and more Americans assuredly will. The question for mountain-state incumbents — the real ones — is whether that more will include everybody or whether their glorious share of the American inheritance will pass on mostly to the rich.

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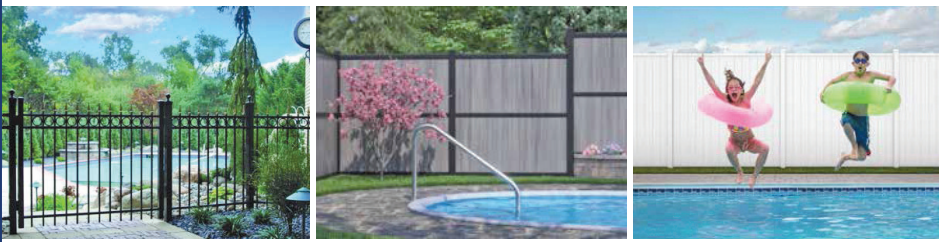
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Cisco Brewers, a sprawling restaurant and bar space that welcomes dogs, children and beer lovers, in New Bedford, Massachusetts. PHILIP KEITH/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

Not quite Cape Cod

City of New Bedford was once a powerhouse of whaling, textiles

By Elisabeth Goodridge
The New York Times

“I have some folks here who are painting the other side of the house,” my Airbnb host messaged me before a road trip to New Bedford, Massachusetts. “The guys are really quite awesome/talented artists, lots of good vibes.”

Indeed, when Aaren, my travel partner, and I found our home for two nights — a one-bedroom apartment in an 1855 Victorian that was once apparently rented by Herman Melville’s sister — three painters were updating the house’s exterior with cream, orange, blue and warm gray colors.

These days, the entire city, approximately 60 miles from Boston, seems to be getting a fresh coat of paint. Signs of rejuvenation are everywhere.

Once the world’s wealthiest city per capita and a powerhouse in whaling and textile manufacturing, New Bedford fell into decline in the mid- and late 20th century, enduring a high crime rate, high unemployment and urban blight. If they stopped at all, many travelers would stay only for a meal, or a visit to the New Bedford Whaling Museum, before continuing via ferry to Martha’s Vineyard or driving Interstate 195 to Cape Cod.

New Bedford continues to lean heavily into its maritime past. But there’s a focus on the present, too. Old textile mills are being reimagined, new restaurants are thriving and parks are expanding to better tell the city’s history of promoting equality. Museums, artist studios and performance spaces speak to investment in the creative class. As for the future, the first train service

from Boston since the late 1950s is expected to start in 2023.

New Bedford does not rely on tourism, though everywhere we went, we met proud residents — from the volunteer docent at the Whaling Museum to the curator at New Bedford Free Public Library.

“There’s no Cape Cod pretentiousness in the city, because we’re not really Cape Cod. We’re the South Coast,” said Allie Cope-land, the curator, adding that New Bedford “has a very cool kind of vibe now.”

A creative economy

Our first evening, after stopping at the Quahog Republic Whaler’s Tavern for a golden ale and a Mai Tai, Aaren and I met Bev Ehrlich and Carl Freedman. The couple had recently moved from Providence, Rhode Island, to the nearby village of Little Compton. They had driven in for dinner with another couple at Union Flats, a seafood restaurant that opened last winter. The four friends raved about the monkfish and mackerel, as well as the city’s jazz and other cultural draws.

“The only reason we used to come here when we lived in Providence was to get the ferry,” said Ehrlich, 69. “Now we are coming for fabulous restaurants, museums and music.”

In 2017, Margo Saulnier became the creative strategist for New Bedford, charged with implementing an arts and culture program. Since then, the city and partners have used grants and other funding to host free events, solicit and assist local artists to create public murals, and more.

For the people who visit, New



The New Bedford Whaling Museum.

Bedford can be relatively inexpensive. The art collection at the library displays work by contemporary artists like Adrian R. Tio, as well as old favorites from Ralph Fasanella, Albert Bierstadt and John James Audubon. At the Cape Verdean restaurant Izzy’s, a heaping breakfast of cachupa rafugado, scrambled eggs and linguica costs \$13. The “See NB in Three” pass allows entry to the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, New Bedford Art Museum and the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum — whose rose beds alone are worth the fee.

A complex past

The collapse of the whale population at the end of the 19th century came as textile mills were being built, transforming the cityscape. But as manufacturing in the South gained prominence in the mid-20th century, these factories closed and New Bedford languished. The situation grew bleaker in the ’90s after local fisheries collapsed.

“For 50 or 60 years, there’s been nothing going on because the textile plants closed up,” said Freedman, 71, at Union Flats. “Those energy-consuming industries will never fill these big buildings ever again. And that’s why reimagining these buildings is the future.”

I spent the next morning walking around one reimagined mill in the city’s South End neighborhood. Kilburn Mill, built in 1903 and expanded in 1910, is a three-build-

ing complex now home to shops, gyms, music performances and the Dough Co. restaurant, which sells a delicious “Green Giant” egg sandwich with greens, pickled onions and goat cheese.

Breakfast fueled us as we toured museums and strolled the streets. The highlight of the day was the Whaling Museum, dedicated to the brutal industry that transformed New Bedford and the world. The museum offers a rich collection — whale skeletons hanging from the ceilings, an explorable replica of a whaling ship, art collections and more.

On the Harborwalk

Our last evening, we biked south to the Harborwalk, a walking and biking trail on the hurricane barrier that protects the New Bedford Harbor. The massive sea wall, built in the 1960s, rises 20 feet above the Acushnet River and offers views of lighthouses, ships and passing ferries. Just beyond one set of its massive barrier gates lies Cisco Brewers Kitchen & Bar, a 3.5-acre restaurant and bar outdoor space with picnic tables, live music and a dock for water-going guests. Aaren ordered food to share, and we settled in to enjoy the scene.

Farther south is the city’s East Beach and Fort Taber Park, a 50-acre green space and military museum, but those would have to wait for another visit. We finished our fried clams, listened to one last song and, in the cool ocean breeze, got back on our bikes.

Film festivals offer a different scene for travelers, movie buffs

By Lynn O’Rourke Hayes
FamilyTravel.com

Put a film festival on your travel wish list to preview the latest releases, learn from emerging and experienced filmmakers, and discover new destinations. Here are three to consider.

Santa Barbara International Film Festival: Set on the stunning California coast, this celebration of cinematic art attracts more than 100,000 people

eager to choose from more than 200 films. One of the leading festivals in the U.S., the 11-day event includes celebrity tributes during which a moderator and the honoree discussing the latter’s career, complete with clips and montages from their body of work. When not focused on the silver screen, enjoy time shopping, biking, playing volleyball on the beach or hiking to a waterfall in the nearby Santa Ynez Mountains.

Toronto Film Festival: This Canadian celebration of cinematic art has launched many Oscar winners during its September festival. The 10-day showcase screens more than 300 films from around the world, attracting as many as 250,000 enthusiasts each year. Of particular note is a focus on Canadian shorts and the debut of Canadian filmmakers. Much of the excitement takes place at the TIFF Bell Lightbox, a five-story complex featur-

ing cinemas and galleries. Later, explore Toronto via streetcar, visit the zoo, the Ontario Science Center and the Hockey Hall of Fame.

New York International Children’s Film Festival: Established in 1997, the NYICFF encourages the creation of intelligent films for young people through their annual, Oscar-qualifying film festival as well as a national touring program and a media arts and literacy program. The organiza-

tion’s efforts are designed to celebrate the power of film and to spark the inherent capacity of children to connect with diverse perspectives. This year’s spring festival included 20 features and more than 60 shorts from around the world, including the festival’s first film from Kyrgyzstan. Programming offers titles that will engage children as young as 3 years old. Check the website for trailers from the 2022 festival as well as dates for 2023.



DREAMSTIME

Salema is Portugal’s peaceful pocket



Since Phoenician times, octopi have been the main catch for the villagers of Salema, located on a still-sleepy patch of the Algarve, Portugal’s popular south coast. And the fishing process has changed little in several thousand years. At the crack of dawn, I wait at the beach for my local friend, Sebastian, who’s agreed to take me out to check the pots. As Sebastian pushes his boat into the sea, he helps me board. His hands are thickly calloused; mine are mostly used for a laptop. My white and tender feet are slathered with sunscreen; his are like hooves as they grab the crackled wooden surface of his garishly colored and well-worn boat. Vivid contrasts make vivid travel memories.

The barnacle-encrusted pottery jars stacked around town are much more than rustic souvenirs: They’re octopus traps. They’re tied about 15 feet apart in long lines and dropped offshore. (And ancient, unwritten tradition allocates different chunks of undersea territory to each Salema family.) Octopi, thinking these are a cozy place to set an ambush, climb in and get ambushed themselves. When the fishermen hoist them in, the stubborn octopi hang on — unaware they’ve made their final mistake.

Sebastian hauls in the line as the old pots are noisily welcomed aboard. Water splashes everywhere, but there’s no sign of an octopus. But then, Sebastian grabs his bleach bottle, gives each pot a little squirt and a maced octopus flops angrily into the boat. It’s bound for the market



Rugged Cape Sagres on Portugal's south coast was the “end of the world” in the days before Columbus, Magellan and the Age of Exploration. CAMERON HEWITT

and, who knows, perhaps my dinner plate tonight.

From the boat, I survey this stretch of Portugal’s Algarve. It’s long been known as “Europe’s last undiscovered tourist frontier,” but — as is the case with any place famous for being undiscovered — it no longer is. Most of the Algarve is going the way of the Spanish Costa del Sol: paved, miserably packed and pretty stressful. It’s overdeveloped, with giant condo-type “villas” hovering over just about every beach with road access.

But one bit of old Algarve magic still glitters quietly in the sun: Sebastian’s hometown, Salema. You’ll find it at the end of a small road, just off the main drag between the big city

of Lagos and the rugged “land’s end of Europe,” Cape Sagres. This simple fishing village has a dozen or so restaurants, a few hotels and bars, time-share condos up the road, English and German menus and signs (including bullfight ads for “Stierkampf”), and lots of sun. Lying where a dirt road hits the sea, little Salema is blessed with a long, broad, gorgeous beach — luxurious with powder-fine sand, framed off by steep vivid-yellow cliffs, and relatively untrampled by rowdy tourists. For my money, it may be the most purely enjoyable beach in all of Europe.

Travelers and locals alike ignore an ever-growing circle of modern condo-type hotels, apartments and

villas up the hillside — skip the hotels, and go for the quartos (they’re like B&Bs, but without the breakfast). The town’s handful of small, family-run restaurants specialize in one thing: fresh seafood. Happily, those that face the beach are the most fun, with the best service, food and atmosphere. The Atlantico is popular ... and right on the beach. It’s especially atmospheric when the electricity goes out, and faces flicker around the candles. The Boia Bar, at the base of the residential street, is simple and friendly, with huge portions and a few tables a splashing distance from the surf.

From Salema, it’s a short drive to the rugged and

historic southwestern tip of Portugal. This was the spot closest to the edge of our flat earth in the days before Columbus. Prince Henry the Navigator — determined to broaden Europe’s horizons — sent sailors ever farther into the unknown. He ran a navigator’s school at Cape Sagres. It was from here that Henry carefully debriefed the many shipwrecked and frustrated explorers as they washed ashore.

Today at Sagres, tourists surf, fishermen cast from its towering crags, local merchants sell homemade and seaworthy sweaters, and daredevil windsurfers skitter across the windy stretches of water. Here, travelers like me gaze, mesmerized, out at the

horizon, where medieval Europe figured the sea dropped into mysterious oblivion. In the Algarve, tourists and fishermen sport the same stubble. This hideaway is just the place for some rigorous rest and intensive relaxation ... where globetrotting experts in lethargy mix with the locals, work on tans and enjoy some very fresh octopus.

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Saba says traveling resets her brain

By Jae-Ha Kim
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In the Apple TV+ series “Physical,” Della Saba portrays Bunny, a quirky aerobics instructor. “Bunny is Sheila’s (Rose Byrne) teacher, competitor and ... victim?” Saba said. “She (Bunny) lives with her surfer boyfriend in San Diego, although she was actually born in Lebanon.” Born and raised in England, Saba is now based out of Los Angeles. She’s also a voice actress who can be heard in Jack Black’s Netflix animated series “Kung Fu Panda: The Dragon Knight.”



“Physical” actress Della Saba is planning on taking a solo trip to Tokyo later this year. JJ GEIGER

Q: Do you think Bunny would make a good travel companion?
A: I’m split on this. She does have quite a volatile temper, but she’s also an adventurer at heart. So maybe if you like to be kept on your toes, then you should invite her on your next holiday. Fortunately, she has a loving boyfriend, Tyler (Lou Taylor Pucci) who adores her company.

Q: Bunny obviously does aerobics. Do you try to keep active when you’re traveling, whether doing sports or hitting the gym?
A: Yes, I do. For the last two years while I’ve been working on “Physical,” I really have worked my way through the whole spectrum of those mesmerizingly strange workout videos from the ’80s. Also, I do yoga, mainly to slow me down. Like Bunny, my default tends to be buzzing around trying to get things done.

Q: What’s the most important thing you’ve

learned from your travels?
A: People are fascinating. I live in LA, which can feel like this pressure cooker of creativity and ambitions. Traveling always resets my brain and reminds me there are so many other ways of thinking.

Q: If you could only pick one place to eat, would you choose a casual meal at a street cart or fine dining?
A: I love this question. How do I choose? Can I combine the two? It would be a casual restaurant. I love Dune in Atwater Village (in LA). It’s Middle Eastern food and they have this amazing beet sandwich with eggs. Doesn’t sound amazing but trust me. Or Shojin. It is vegan sushi in Little Tokyo. They have made art out of these vegetables. You go through the bustling Little Tokyo mall and you walk through these curtains and suddenly you’re in this tranquil little room. I’ve gone every year for my birthday for the last six years.

Q: What are your five

favorite cities?
A: London will always be my number one. It’s where all my childhood friends and sister live. The theater, Hampstead Heath, summer in the city — you can’t beat it. Beirut. It’s where a good chunk of my family lives. Detroit. Marrakesh. New Orleans.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?
A: Tokyo. I’ve never traveled alone, so my plan is to make that my first solo trip this year.

Q: What is your best vacation memory?
A: My favorite vacation would be in Guatemala. It was a very spontaneous trip. I think I decided to go the day before. It was beautiful. We stayed all the way up in the mountains in San José Chacayá with this man, Vinnie. He had lived there for years. We would go on hikes and eat food by bonfires. He would tell us stories about the land. It was a very idyllic escape.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Airbnb host cancels; now I have to pay \$1,300 more

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate



Q: I recently reserved a two-bedroom apartment in Washington, D.C., through Airbnb. My host canceled our reservation within 24 hours of my arrival. Airbnb sent me substitute listings, but all of them were much more expensive and smaller than the one we had booked. I quickly chose a one-bedroom apartment that cost \$1,300 more. Airbnb offered me a \$200 coupon for a future booking. That’s it. They won’t even talk to me. I think Airbnb should cover the \$1,300 difference from the original booking. Our original booking was one block away from where we needed to be. Our new location is 1.1 miles away, which means we also have travel expenses that we wouldn’t have had before. Can you help?
— Curtis Rahman, St. Louis Park, Minnesota

A: If a host cancels, Airbnb promises a full refund, according to its Rebooking and Refund Policy. And if a host cancels a month or less before your check-in, and you contact Airbnb, it promises to “assist” you with finding comparable or better accommodations. But here’s where things get a little fuzzy. Airbnb says that as part of providing rebooking assistance, it may — but is not obligated to — pay for or contribute to the cost of new accommodations. “We may also provide guests with the option of applying the value of a canceled reservation to new accommodations, or of receiving travel credit in lieu of getting a cash refund,” as written in the policy.

In other words, it’s up to Airbnb to decide how much of your new accommodations it will cover. Interestingly, it recently changed its rebooking policy to remove language that required hosts to

cover the extra expense of rebooking. That leaves you in a gray area for getting your refund. When you rented the new place, I think you could have asked Airbnb to pay for it. If it agreed, you should have asked for that promise in writing.

Instead, it looks as if Airbnb believed you asked for your money back. “Unfortunately, your host needed to cancel the reservation due to unforeseen, extenuating circumstances,” a representative wrote to you in an email. “In compliance with our terms of service, we provided you with a full refund plus a coupon for the value of \$200.”

I think you may have gotten your wires crossed with Airbnb. The misunderstanding continued as you asked for a supervisor but just found yourself talking to another customer service representative. Worse, you didn’t even see the \$200

coupon, and by the time you did, you had already booked a new apartment, and the coupon was a few weeks away from expiring.

In a situation like this, you can reach out to one of the Airbnb executive contacts that I list on my consumer website at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/airbnb-customer-service-contacts/.

I contacted Airbnb on your behalf. A representative contacted you a few hours later. Airbnb provided you with a full refund of the \$1,300 and another \$200 coupon that expires within a year.

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CELEBRITIES

Perry to get honorary AARP award

From news services

Tyler Perry will receive an honorary AARP award for uplifting communities and helping people “overcome various obstacles” through his foundation.

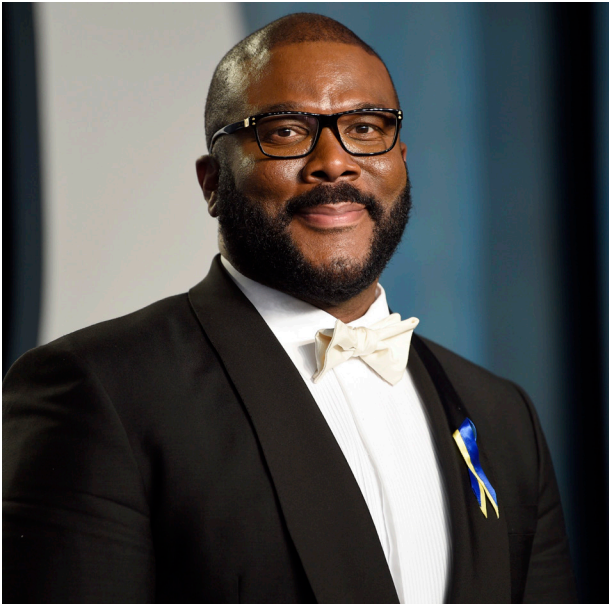
The organization announced Thursday that Perry will receive the honorary AARP Purpose Prize award during a live ceremony on Oct. 25. The famed filmmaker-actor-philanthropist will be recognized for his work through the Perry Foundation.

Perry’s foundation — which launched in 2006 — has focused on aiding several initiatives such as education, health, human rights, technology and global sustainability. Some of his charitable efforts include building a home for a great-grandmother of seven who lost everything in a fire, surprising kids with a trip to Disney World, and holding a camp quarantine at Tyler Perry Studios in Atlanta.

Five individuals will be awarded the AARP Purpose Prize, which honors people ages 50 and older who are making a difference through their “knowledge and life experience.” AARP said 10 previously named Purpose Prize fellows will also be honored. Each of them will receive a \$10,000 award to further the mission of their organization.

‘Jeopardy!’ details plan to split hosting duties: Executive producer Michael Davies said in an announcement posted online Wednesday that deals were signed with Mayim Bialik and Ken Jennings “to be the hosts of ‘Jeopardy!’ moving forward.”

Actor Bialik and “Jeopardy!” champion Jennings have been serving as rotating hosts since Mike Richards exited the show amid controversy after a short tenure as the late Alex Trebek’s replacement.



Tyler Perry, seen March 27, will receive the honorary AARP Purpose Prize award on Oct. 25. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Jennings, who is also a “Jeopardy!” consulting producer, will kick off the new season in September and host the Tournament of Champions. During that period, Bialik will host “Celebrity Jeopardy!” on ABC in prime time.

“When she takes over from Ken in January, the current plan is to have her host a couple of new tournaments as well as the ‘Jeopardy! National College Championship’” and whatever else her commitment to “Call Me Kat” will allow, Davies said in the statement.

“We know you value consistency, so we will not flip flop the hosts constantly and will keep you informed about the hosting schedule,” he said.

Mendes cancels world tour: Shawn Mendes has pulled the plug on the rest of his world tour, canceling dates in North America and Europe so he can focus on his mental health.

“I was not at all ready for how difficult touring would be after this time away,” the singer-songwriter posted on social media Wednesday. “... It has become more clear that I need to take the time

I’ve never taken personally, to ground myself and come back stronger.”

Mendes kicked off the tour in June, but earlier in July said he needed to take a three-week break. That break has now stretched into the whole tour.

Meyers cancels ‘Late Night’ shows: “Late Night” host Seth Meyers took to Twitter on Wednesday to announce that he has contracted the virus for a second time this year.

“After negative tests Monday and Tuesday I tested positive for COVID this morning,” said Meyers, 48. “Canceling shows the rest of this week. Apologies to our scheduled guests and loyal viewers!”

Just after the new year, Meyers also caught COVID-19.

July 29 birthdays: Actor Robert Fuller is 89. Musician Geddy Lee is 69. Filmmaker Ken Burns is 69. TV personality Tim Gunn is 69. Singer Patti Scialfa is 69. Singer Martina McBride is 56. Actor Timothy Omundson is 53. Actor Wil Wheaton is 50. Singer Wanya Morris is 49. Actor Josh Radnor is 48. Actor Cait Fairbanks is 29.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Mother seeks smooth waters for ex-con son

Dear Amy: My family and I (husband and two teens) live with my very elderly parents. I purchased the house from the trust after my parents proposed the idea.

This benefits my parents — they can stay in the house and receive our help. My teens benefit from living with them. This is a win-win.

I have a third child in his 30s, who is not living with us.

My son has a long history of incarcerations and has two felonies for theft and drug offenses.

He has been out of prison for over a year. He lives with friends and at times with his father (my ex). He’s not exactly the model citizen, but is keeping out of trouble.

He has his mail sent to our house. Whenever he stops over to get it, my mother becomes nervous, anxious and fearful. She won’t hug him, make eye contact or converse.

She has not forgiven him for stealing grandpa’s credit card and cash from them when he was a teen.

She has basically disowned him for his failures, and I’m guessing she’s embarrassed by him.

As far as I’m concerned, he’s done his time, he is family, and he shouldn’t be disowned.

Grandma recently told him that he can’t stop at the house anymore.

I like to see him occasionally. He is not dangerous. Your advice?

— *Forgiving Mom*

Dear Mom: Your son may have paid his debt to society, but his reconciliation should happen at home.

You could start by encouraging him to make

amends. Has he sincerely acknowledged and apologized for his actions? Asked for forgiveness?

Recognized how he violated his grandparents’ trust? Attempted to repay them? If not, he should.

He might do this in a letter, carefully written and sent to your folks.

He might say: “Grandma, I know I hurt you and Granddad. I’m so sorry. I hope you can forgive me. I’m a different person now, and I’m working hard to live a good life. You can help me by talking to me and by continuing to be a good example. I miss you!”

Be gentle with your mother. Ask her to describe her feelings about this, and patiently reassure her. Ask her, “What could he do to make you feel more comfortable?”

Dear Amy: My mom had a series of devastating strokes 17 years ago. Since then, she has been in and out of nursing homes and hospitals. My dad has severe arthritis in his knees and is awaiting surgery.

My brother and his wife are heavy drinkers. I try to avoid their obnoxious drunken shenanigans.

My brother has basically written all of us off. He initiates no contact with any of us on the false premise that we have abandoned him. When I contacted him about mom’s new nursing home and gave an update on our dad, my brother said he doesn’t care anymore and ended the conversation.

My sister and I, along with our husbands, have been doing the heavy lifting regarding our parents’

home maintenance and our father’s care.

Not once has our brother offered to help. He also deleted all of us on his social media.

Should I continue to try and give my brother updates, or should I just write him off — as he has done with us?

As their son, I still feel like he has a right to know what’s going on with his parents.

— *Dutiful Daughter*

Dear Dutiful: Yes, your brother does have a “right” to know about his parents.

But with rights, come responsibilities.

His behavior runs in something of a vicious cycle. Because he is not helpful, he must also reject you. Because he rejects you, he can justify not being helpful.

To satisfy your own concerns, you should email him: “You don’t seem to want to hear from me, but do you want to receive occasional health updates about our parents? I’ll respect your decision; just let me know.”

Dear Amy: A recent letter from “Marley” made my blood boil. Marley’s brother seemed to be constantly bullying her throughout life.

Why don’t you ever suggest that people just completely cut things off?

— *Upset*

Dear Upset: “Marley” was already doing a good job of evading and avoiding. A total break could be next.

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Picking 10 favorite TV shows of all time agonizing task for critic

By Luaine Lee

Tribune News Service

Every year when the Emmy nominations are announced, they bring to mind not only the worthy shows of this year, but also those of the past. As a TV critic, one has to view the good, the bad and the ugly. But occasionally you stumble on something great. And when that happens, you realize the power of that little illuminated box to thrill and inspire.

So, I’ve come up with my 10 favorite TV shows of all time. They are all personal choices based on this criterion: Was it a show that I couldn’t wait for the next episode? Scores of television programs of the past proved exemplary, and winnowing them down to 10 is an agonizing task. In no particular order, here are my 10 favorites.

‘Hill Street Blues’: This was a cop show like no other before it. With the jiggly hand-held camera, nervous jump cuts, the show rumbled with a sense of immediacy and veracity. And creators Steven Bochco and Michael Kozoll devised officers so unique and endearing that you quickly knew them by name and personality.

‘Sesame Street’ (the early years): PBS’ “Sesame Street” bought a new and creative way to introduce the small fry to their ABCs and 1-2-3s. Abetted by Jim Henson’s whimsical Muppets, it was a show that even the grown-ups could enjoy.

‘I, Claudius’: This “Masterpiece Theatre” series chronicled the gimpy, stuttering Claudius, who found himself the unexpected emperor of the Roman Empire amidst treacherous political plots. Poisonings, stabbings, incest, adultery, betrayal, sex — what more could you ask from a classic based on



Bryan Cranston in “Breaking Bad.” DOUG HYUN/AMC

Robert Graves’ two novels?

‘My So-Called Life’: This ABC series followed the daily life of a teenage girl through all the self-doubt, hesitancy and angst that a girl feels. Claire Danes as the introspective Angela Chase is surrounded by a clique of colorful and distinctive friends including a gay pal way before it was cool to be inclusive.

‘The Civil War’: Ken Burns’ nine episodes about the agonizing conflict between brothers that changed our nation set new standards for documentaries. Utilizing the rare proceeds from early photographic characters portrayed by our best actors, and a narrative deftly defined by writers Geoffrey C. Ward and Ric Burns, this remains a series about our history that continues to make history.

‘I Love Lucy’: The criterion here for comedy was, did it make me laugh out loud? “Lucy” always did. Lucille Ball was just plain funny with her clown-like delivery and perpetual gaffes.

‘Roots’: The story of Kunta Kinte’s agonizing journey from his home in Gambia to slavery and captivity in the U.S. introduced a slice of American history that had not been told as defin-

itively before on television. The miniseries’ script by Haley and James Lee kept people salivating for the next episode.

‘Deadwood’: This was a classic western. “Deadwood” showed how the West was really won through grit, profanity, lawlessness and greed.

‘Leave it to Beaver’: Many worthy family shows followed this black-and-white entry, but none quite captured the innocent and loving ambience of this family unit. “Leave it to Beaver” demonstrated the enduring validity of family in our lives.

‘Breaking Bad’: In this Faustian tale, a well-meaning family man, thinking he’s suffering from cancer, sells his soul to the devil. We watch as Walter White (Bryan Cranston) slowly devolves into evil, cooking up crystal meth with his erratic partner, Jesse Pinkman (Aaron Paul).

But it’s torture to have to leave out wonderful shows such as “Southland,” “The Larry Sanders Show,” “The Simpsons,” “Two-and-a-Half Men,” “The Sopranos,” “The Americans,” “Yellowstone” and on and on.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Financial matters could push the temperature of your life through the roof. Someone’s monetary mishap or an unexpected bill may bring on a headache. Be patient and don’t panic just yet. Any budget issues can be solved later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): First impressions might be difficult today. This is especially true if you’re meeting up with someone new or an old friend who you haven’t seen in a while. Consider spending some time with friends who know and love you, as established relationships are likely more beneficial for the moment.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Subconscious emotions could rise to the surface throughout the day. Whether it’s your facial expression when someone’s name is mentioned or your inability to think of anything good to say when they bring up something you dislike, polish your poker face.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A hurdle between you and your goals could seem insurmountable. Alternatively, two of your goals may be conflicting in ways that seem impossible to balance. Don’t hesitate to choose what’s really best for you, because current comforts won’t lead you to future satisfaction.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh, 37, died of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound in France.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service in the U.S. became operational.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You might be stressed out by the character you have to portray in public at this time. You likely have two modes: your home self and your public self. It would be wise to spend some time relaxing by yourself, especially if you’ve been more of a social butterfly than usual recently.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The beliefs of others might be feeling quite restrictive at the moment. Someone in your life may express a dislike for something you’ve said, and in turn, they have attempted to control your self-expression. This likely comes as a surprise to you. If they aren’t receptive to your ideas, that’s their problem.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You might say or do something in earnest when, in someone’s point of view, you’re not telling the truth. This is more of a reflection on their perception of the world than it is on you. Let them know you respect their thoughts, but nevertheless, you still have a clear conscience.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A conflict could arise with someone you have authority over. This person may not have wanted to listen to your advice or follow your directions. They likely don’t deserve that much of your energy, let alone your attention. Let them know your decision simply is what it is.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, creating NASA.

In 1980, a state funeral was held in Cairo, Egypt, for the deposed Shah of Iran, who had died two days earlier at age 60.

In 1994, abortion opponent Paul Hill shot and killed Dr. John Bayard Britton and Britton’s escort,

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Distractions may throw off your focus at this time. Whether others are making distractions on purpose, it might be difficult to get anything done. Find a way to center yourself. Put on some headphones, find your inner happy place and escape from the chaos.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Rebounding with someone or something is a possibility today. Whether a new friendship, a potential romance or a fresh hobby, you may be throwing yourself into these to fill a space that an old part of your life left empty. Don’t mistake the absence of things that remind you of the past for true healing.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A new relationship, platonic or otherwise, could prove to be very untraditional for you. Even if this potential pal seems to be the complete opposite of you, give them the respect of getting to know them a little better before you fully judge them. No one’s perfect.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Today may require some extra mental discipline. Even if you insisted to be more organized, you might still be stuck in the same situation as back then. Change can be hard. Writing down your intentions and goals should help you focus, making you more disciplined over time.

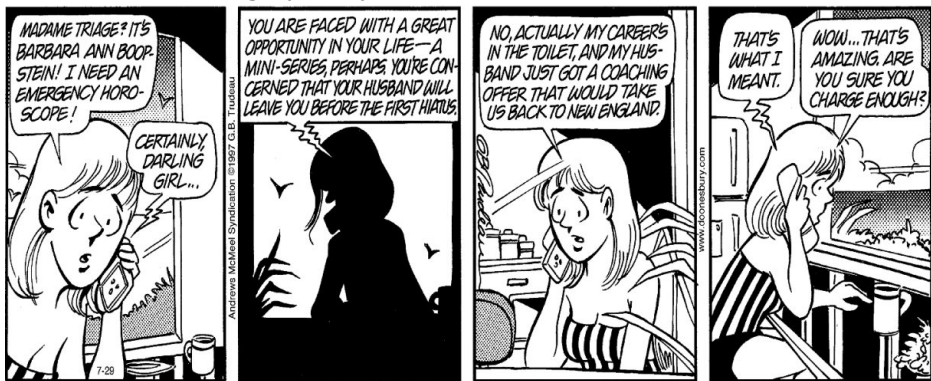
James H. Barrett, outside the Ladies Center clinic in Pensacola, Florida.

In 1999, a former day trader, apparently upset over stock losses, opened five two Atlanta brokerage offices, killing nine people and wounding 13 before shooting himself to death; authorities said Mark O. Barton had also killed his wife and two children.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



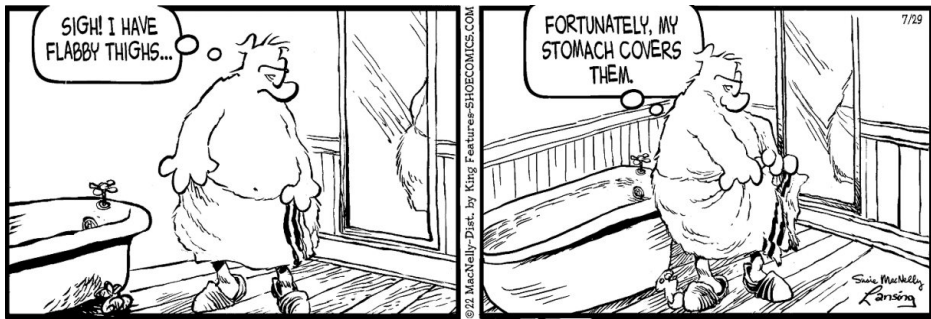
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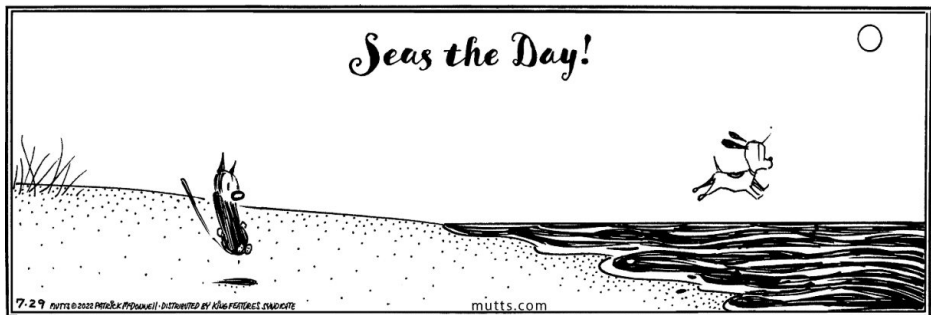
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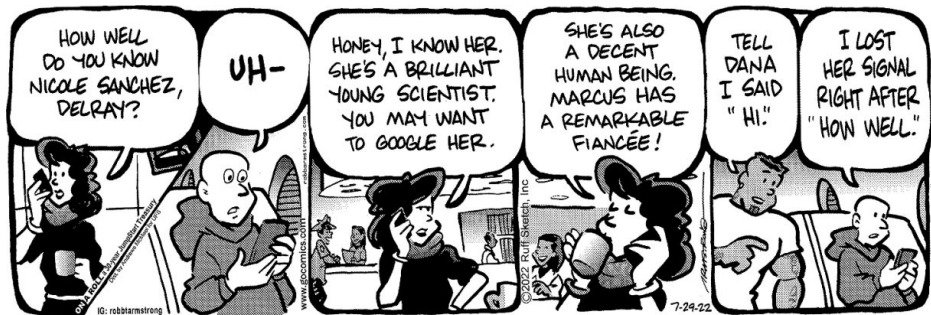
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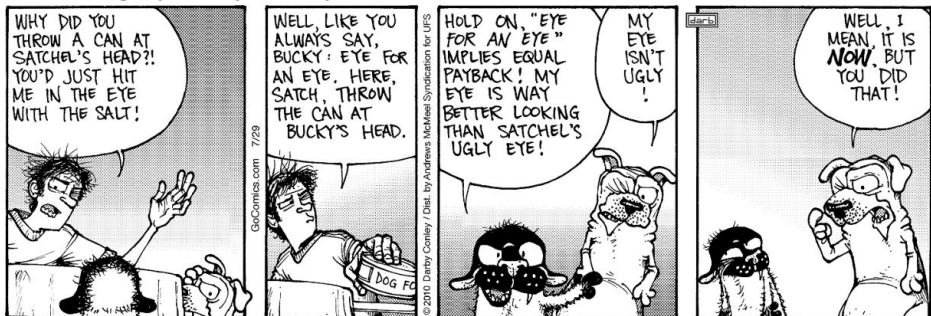
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Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



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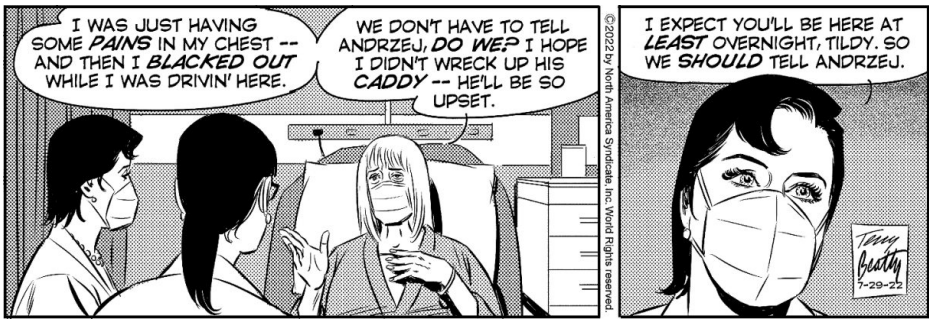
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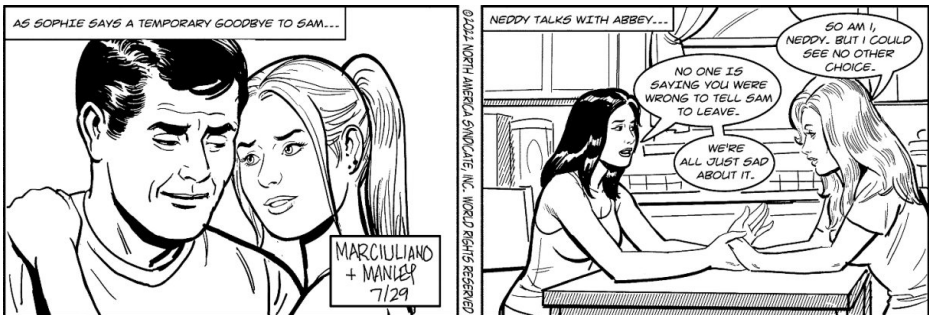
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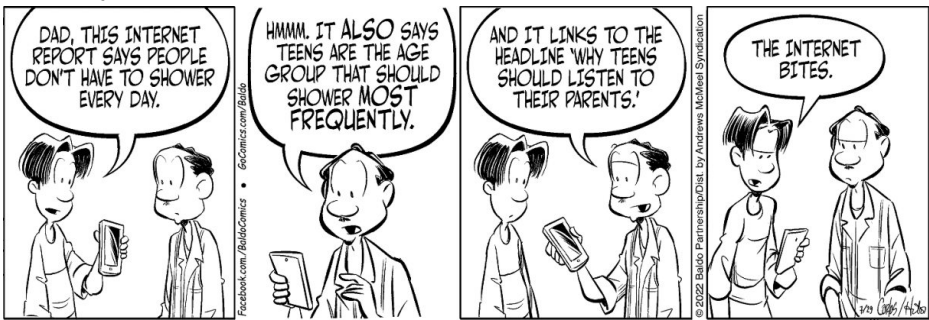
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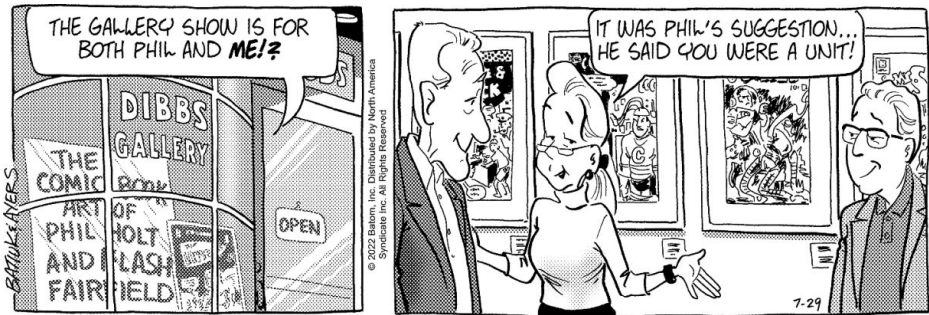
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Baldo By Cantu and Castellanos



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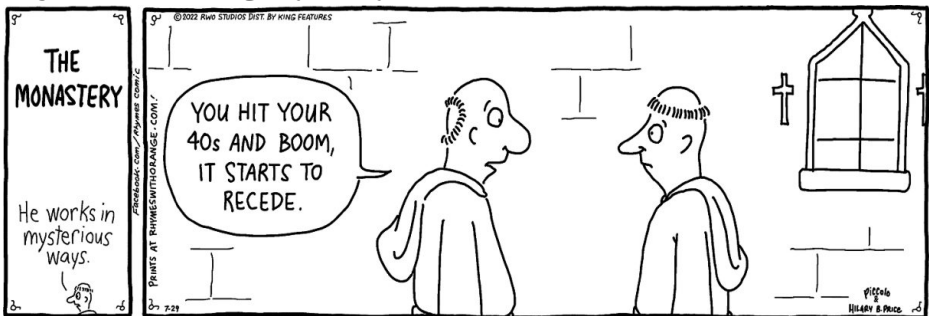
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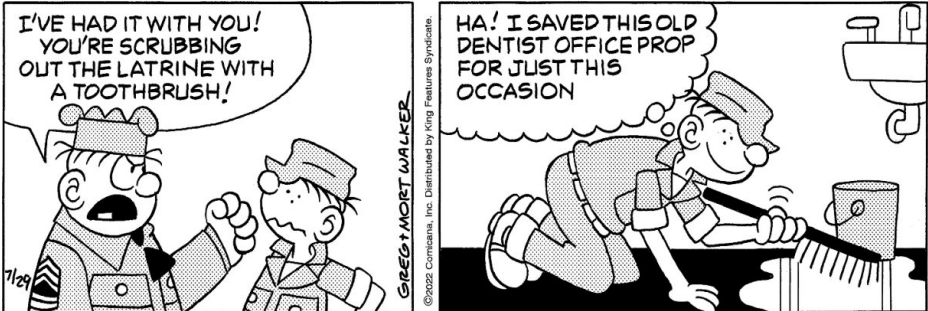
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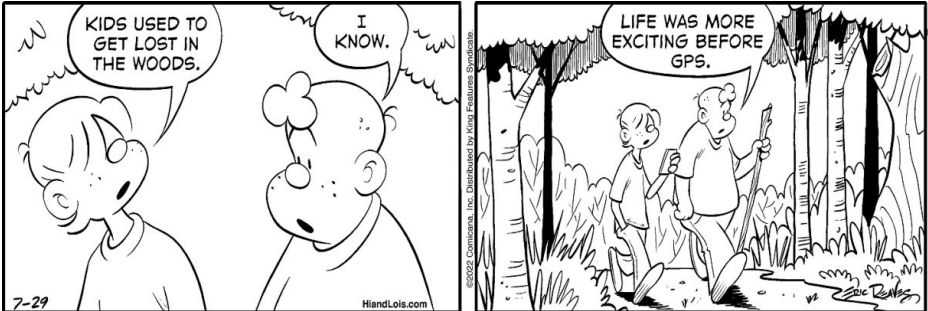
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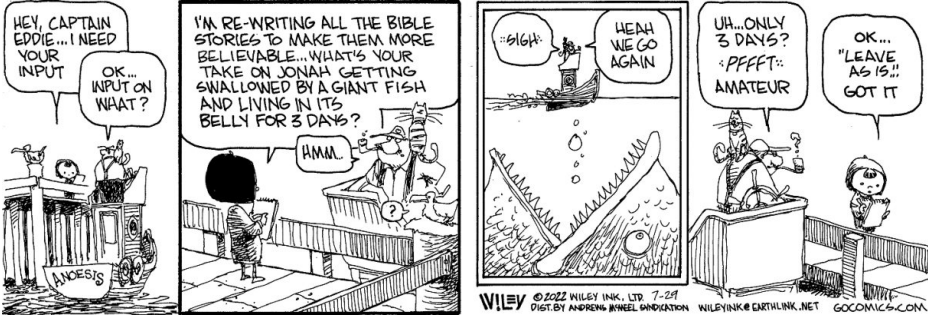
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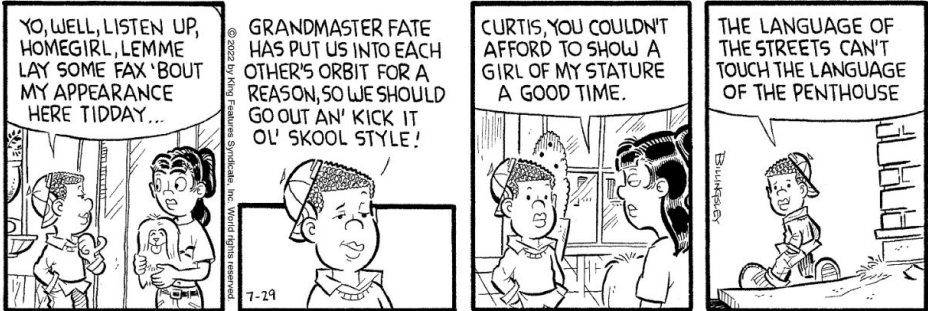
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Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller



Curtis By Ray Billingsley



Pickles By Brian Crane



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CROSSWORD

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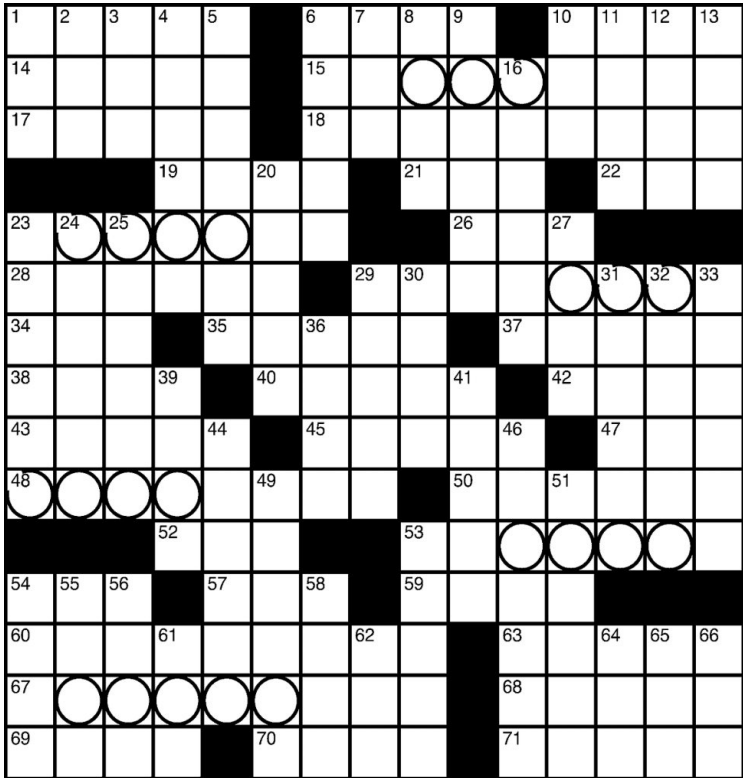
Across

- 1 Cheap keful
6 Seal hunter
10 Title for Horatio Magellan Crunch
14 "With any luck"
15 *Like sweater weather
17 __ cut
18 Question that may elicit "Todo bien, gracias"
19 "Must you be like everyone else?"
21 __ card
22 Four quarters
23 *Spanish verb similar to the French "être"
26 "Latino USA"
28 Choice word
29 *Soft drink size
34 Sandwich not found in a kosher deli
35 Sap
37 One of India's official languages
38 Footnote abbr.
40 Rock collection?
42 Slender
43 Crew member
45 Rink plays
47 PC pioneer
48 *River through Kazakhstan
50 Roughhouse
52 "Real talk," from a texter
53 *Top
54 "It's all about me" attitude
57 Deli slice
59 Article
60 Sacred Buddhist symbol with heart-shaped leaves

Down

- 1 Spot on a die
2 Pacific tuna
3 Check point?
4 Jordan who won the 2017 British Open
5 Raised canines, say
6 Transpire
7 Density symbol, in physics
8 Nanny __: security devices
9 Formally choose
10 Gender prefix
11 Type of flute
12 Think ahead
13 SEC concern
16 Vegan protein choice
20 Veggie chip brand
23 Actress Jean of French New Wave cinema
24 __ Bradley
25 Home of the Senators
27 Clutch hitter's stat
29 Smear with ink?
30 Arctic native
31 Join up
32 Consumer-friendly?
33 Horn-- glasses
36 Director of the final episode of "M*A*S*H"

- 39 Baltic native
41 __ badge
44 Guide for grading
46 "The usual"
49 Blues partner
51 Literary device
53 Feudal lord
54 Dwindles
55 Trail mix
56 Compost bin emanation
58 Lake whose name comes from Iroquoian for "long tail"
61 Part of a stable diet
62 Thyroid specialist, for short
64 Where lots of cultures come together
65 Aussie bird
66 Dust cloth



By Emet Ozar & Matthew Stock

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

West North East South
1 ♠ Dble Pass ?

What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ 96 ♥ 732 ♦ Q543 ♣ Q543
2. ♠ 72 ♥ K85 ♦ K96 ♣ KJ982
3. ♠ 84 ♥ Q763 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 954
4. ♠ 10 ♥ Q874 ♦ KJ95 ♣ AJ86

1. Two clubs. Partner's takeover double guarantees the values for an opening bid. He might have anywhere from 12 to more than 20 points; you can't tell at this stage how many he has. Ordinarily, he will have support for all of the unbid suits, but he could also have a powerhouse, or, rarely, possibly five diamonds and four hearts and be planning to correct a two-club response by you to two diamonds. All that matters at this point is that he is asking you to bid, and you are obliged to do so regardless of the strength of your hand. The only question is whether you should bid two clubs or two diamonds.

From the standpoint of economy, it is better to bid two clubs. This leaves partner room to bid diamonds or hearts at the two-level if that is what he is planning to do over a two-club response. But if you respond two diamonds, there will be no corresponding chance to locate a club fit without going into the three-level.

2. Three clubs. You can't bid two clubs with this hand and also the preceding one and expect partner to know that this time there is a reasonable chance for game. The usual way of showing strength is by making a jump-response in your longest suit. The single-jump response normally indicates 9 to 11 high-card points, but you don't need quite that many if your hand is distributionally very promising.

3. Two hearts. Here you're just a bit short of the values for a jump-response,

but there is still a chance for game. It is therefore better to respond in hearts than diamonds, because partner is more likely to bid again over a major-suit response. If partner raises two hearts to three, you should happily bid four.

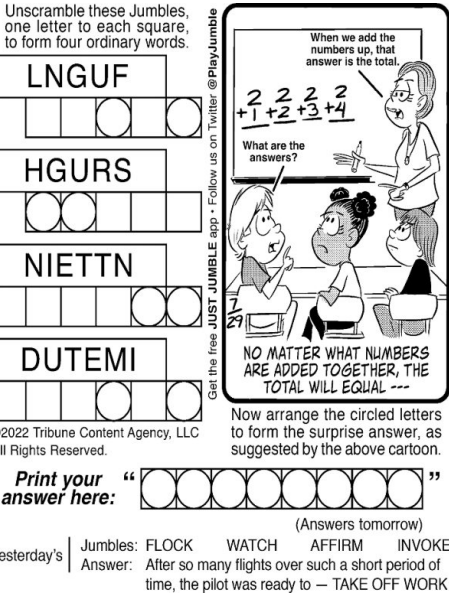
4. Two spades. Game is extremely likely in one of your three suits -- you have 11 high-card points plus a singleton in the opponent's suit -- but you don't know which of your suits should be trump. So, instead of guessing which suit to jump-respond in, you force partner to choose the trumps by cuebidding West's suit.

Partner can't misconstrue the meaning of your bid, since you would have passed one spade doubled if you had length and strength in spades. The cuebid indicates a game-going hand that contains two or three potential trump suits. You plan to raise partner to game in whatever suit he names in response to your cuebid.

Tomorrow: The case of the missing damsel.

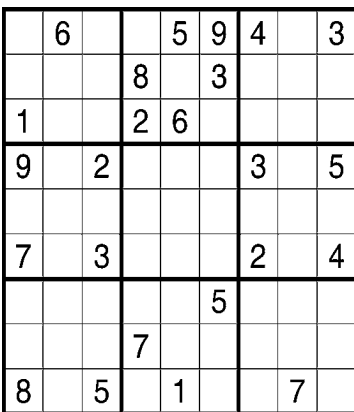
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BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



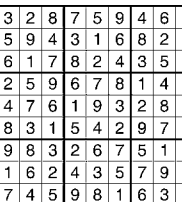
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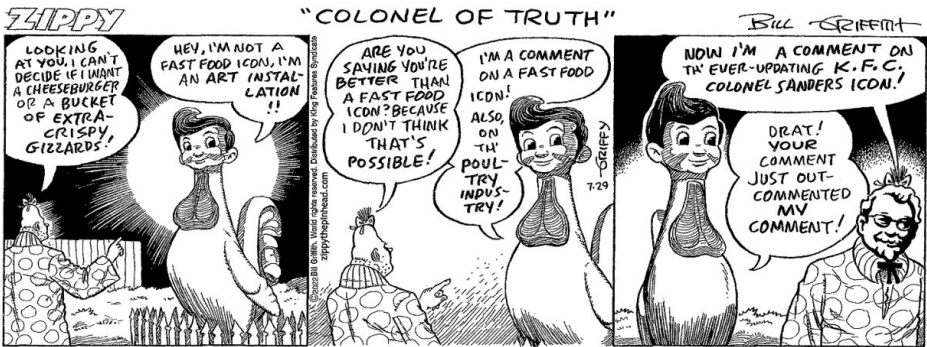


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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: Birds

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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BLUE JAY	HAWK	OWL	TOUCAN
BLUEBIRD	HERON	PELICAN	TUI
BUNTING	HUMMINGBIRD	PIGEON	TURKEY
CARDINAL	KESTREL	ROBIN	WARBLER
CROW	KINGFISHER	ROSELLA	WAXEYE
DOVE	LORIKEET	SANDERLING	WOODPECKER
DUCK	MACAW	SEAGULL	WREN
EAGLE	MALLARD	SPARROW	
FALCON	MOCKINGBIRD	STARLING	
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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

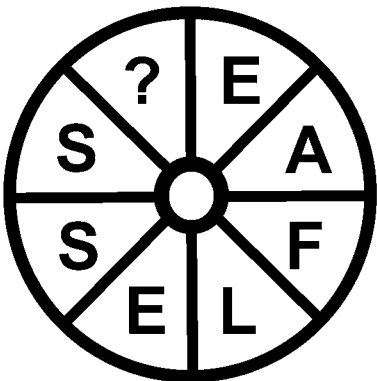
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5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 5 points
8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
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101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

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We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SIX WORDS RELATED TO GOLF in the grid of letters.

THE FAIR HOLE CLUB SHOT EAGLE

WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- 1 "___ in the Family"
- 4 Rigg or Ross
- 9 "Sesame Street" network
- 12 Animated film about a macaw
- 13 Speak without preparation
- 14 Austria's continent: abbr.
- 15 Flavor enhancer, for short
- 16 Cuddly-looking marsupial
- 17 Actor Carney
- 18 VP Agnew
- 20 Role on "Cheers"
- 22 "NCIS: New Orleans" actor
- 26 Pop singer Bobby
- 27 Gen. Patton's monogram
- 28 9th-grade math class, perhaps: abbr.
- 29 Role on "Alice"
- 32 Chin crease
- 35 AJ Michalka's role on "Schooled"
- 39 Danny Thomas' daughter
- 40 Actress Sophia
- 42 Bobby the Bruin
- 43 "Key ___"; Bogart/Bacall film

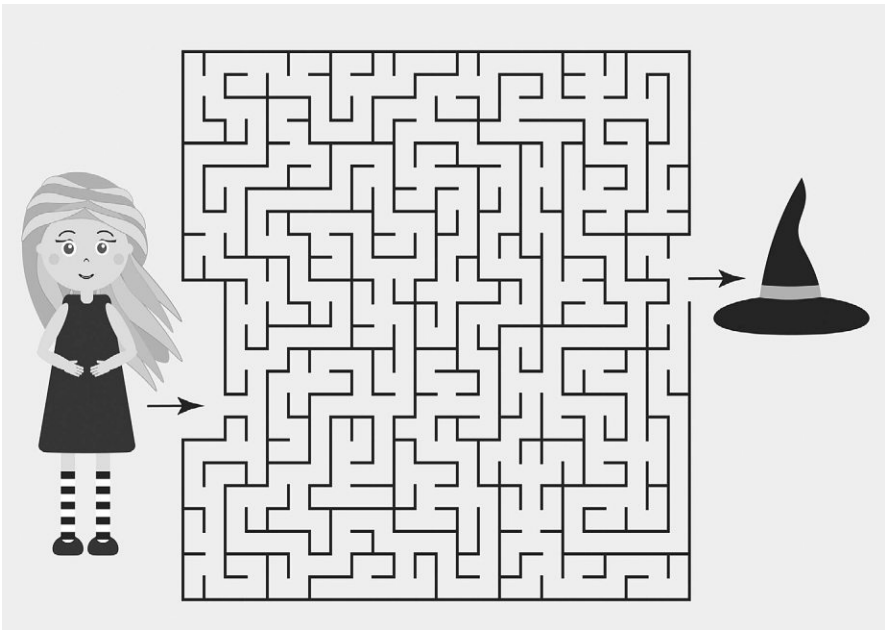
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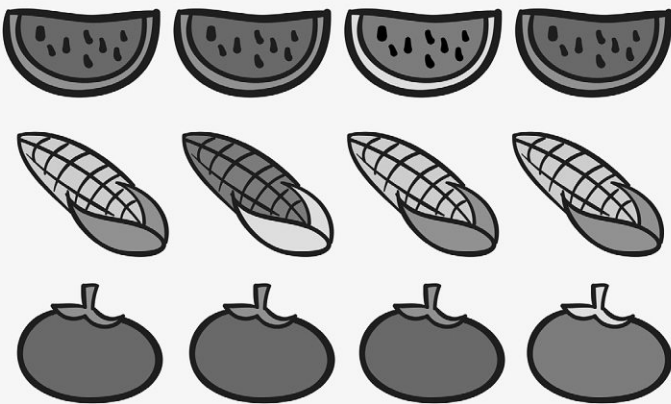
- 1 "A Farewell to ___"; Gary Cooper film
- 2 Speech defects
- 3 Sensible thinking
- 4 Actress Fanning
- 5 Wedding promise
- 6 Montgomery's state: abbr.
- 7 Nothing
- 8 Taken ___; surprised
- 9 Bailey's namesakes
- 10 Rough sack cloth
- 11 Mlle. in Madrid
- 19 Serling or Steiger
- 21 Summer month: abbr.
- 23 "Without a ___"; Anthony LaPaglia series
- 24 Crystal or Joel
- 25 "Dark ___"; Jessica Alba series
- 29 ___ up; intensified, as an illness
- 30 King & Hagman
- 31 Jed Clampett's discovery
- 33 Arson or kidnapping
- 34 "___ and a Half Men"
- 36 Actor Nick
- 37 Dunne or Ryan
- 38 "The Magnificent ___"; Denzel Washington film
- 39 Apple pie à la ___
- 41 Actress Campbell
- 44 Upper limb
- 45 LL Cool J's music
- 46 "___ Along, Little Dogies"

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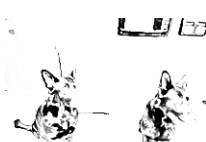
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PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collectors of the Town of Manchester and/or the Eighth Utilities District have levied upon the following properties in Manchester and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. Volume and page numbers refer to the Town's land records; maps refer to the Town's assessment maps. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 10:00 a.m. on October 13, 2022 at the Lincoln Center at 494 Main Street in Manchester.

45 Henry Street (Volume 4386 Page 36) owned by American Eagle Financial Credit Union, owing \$23,678.97.

186 Green Road (Volume 3654 Page 194) owned by Estate of Esteline Brooks a/k/a Esterline Brooks, owing \$26,295.13. Jacqueline Anderson; Marjorie Madden; Charles Jensen; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Esteline Brooks may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

13 Waddell Road a/k/a 13-15 Waddell Road (Volume 1011 Page 192) owned by Charles F. Catania, Jr. and Rachel M. Lemay, owing \$12,702.49. ECHN d/b/a Manchester Memorial & Rockville General Hospital, Inc. and the United States Internal Revenue Service may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

25 Radding Street (Volume 4274 Volume 61) owned by Janine M. Griffin, owing \$25,926.01.

448 West Middle Turnpike, Unit 12U (Volume 4610 Page 342) owned by Jeffrey W. Harnett or his Estate and Jason W. Harnett, owing \$4,399.65. Alyssa Harnett; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as successor to Wachovia Bank; Brook Haven Condominium Association, Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Jeffrey W. Harnett may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

187 Homestead Street, Unit E-11 (Volume 4190 Page 205) owned by Denise Kirlow, owing \$8,178.64. Woodland Manor Condominium Association, Inc. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

68 Turnbull Road (Volume 3391 Page 59) owned by John D. LaBelle, Jr., Dan E. LaBelle and Richard C. Woodhouse, as Co-Trustees of the Residuary Trust Under the Will of Alexander Jarvis, owing \$1,321.14. Clifford Rautenberg or his Estate; Eric Rautenberg or his Estate; Louis Wright or his Estate; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Alice C. Jarvis may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

583 Hartford Road, Unit 9 (Volume 3660 Page 61) owned by Estate of Robert J. Lockery, owing \$4,564.92. Sally Masse; William Lockery; KeyBank, N.A. itself and as successor to First Niagara Bank; Crest Condominium Association, Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Robert J. Lockery may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

50 Nutmeg Drive (Volume 714 Page 147) owned by Stanislaw Michalak and Krystyna C. Michalak, owing \$24,013.90.

38 Deerfield Drive (Volume 2839 Page 63) owned by Deborah E. Morse, owing \$10,159.53. American Eagle Financial Credit Union may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

585 Center Street a/k/a 585-587 Center Street (Volume 4125 Page 147) owned by Glenn Packer or his Estate, owing \$21,854.01. Jonna Lynn Rubens; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Glenn Packer may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

720 Middle Turnpike West (Volume 1823 Page 176) owned by Estate of Wilma Ribiero a/k/a Wilma Jean Ribiero, owing \$11,995.73. Cheryl Ribiero; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Wilma Ribiero a/k/a Wilma Jean Ribiero may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

31 Coleman Road (Volume 421 Page 120) owned by George J. Ringstone or his Estate and Shirley B. Ringstone, owing \$16,340.24. Allen C. Ringstone; KeyBank, N.A. as successor to The Savings Bank of Manchester; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of George J. Ringstone may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

39 Litchfield Street (Volume 2039 Page 83) owned by Thomas W. Rohde, owing \$16,470.41. KeyBank, N.A. as successor to The Savings Bank of Manchester and Jefferson Radiology, PC may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

21 Reed Drive (Volume 1312 Page 79) owned by John E. Strohecker or his Estate and Mary S. Strohecker, owing \$12,743.85. Craig Strohecker; Lori Westlund; Philip Strohecker; Tracy Strohecker; Webster Bank, N.A.; Shawmut Mortgage Company d/b/a Connecticut National Mortgage Company and/or JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as its successor; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of John E. Strohecker may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

320 Wetherell Street (Map 50 Block 5980 Lot 320) owned by Stanley S. Swetz, owing \$19,531.66.

41 Depot Street (Volume 3208 Page 340) owned by Nguyen Trinh, owing \$27,552.68. Webster Bank, N.A. as successor to Manchester State Bank; ECHN d/b/a Manchester Memorial & Rockville General Hospital, Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the United States Internal Revenue Service; may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

84A Hamlin Street (Volume 2113 Page 252) owned by Urban Suburban Affordables, Inc., owing \$5,589.29. Celestine Smith or her Estate and Adriana Pizarro may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

117 New Bolton Road (Volume 4587 Page 806) owned by Thomas Warnick, owing \$10,761.86.

The dollar amounts listed are through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.

Bidders must present \$5,000 per property in certified funds payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at www.cttaxsales.com. 7/29/22 7258058

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LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Ridgefield invites all interested parties to submit sealed bids on the following:

BID DUE DATE: Thursday, September 1, 2022
BID DUE TIME: 11:00 AM
BID ITEM: Branchville TOD Pedestrian Improvements State Project No. 117-161
Federal Project No. PEDS(227)
BID NUMBER: 22-12

Terms and conditions as well as the description of items being bid are stated in the specifications. Specifications may be obtained at the following address:

Town of Ridgefield
Jacob Muller
400 Main Street Ridgefield, CT 06877
203 - 431 - 2720

The return bid envelope must be marked and addressed to the following:

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING
BID NUMBER: 22-12
400 MAIN STREET
RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877

Bid Documents are available at www.ridgefieldct.org in the Purchasing section under Departments or the State Department of Administrative Services procurement website. https://portal.ct.gov/das/ctsource/portal-page

Results may be viewed at www.ridgefieldct.org in the Purchasing Section under Departments after the bid opening.

Bids must be received no later than the date and time stated above at the Purchasing Director's office. Any questions regarding the specifications may be directed, in writing only, no later than Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Questions should be sent to Jacob Muller, Purchasing Director at purchasing@ridgefieldct.org

A pre-bid walk through will not be held, however, bidders are highly encouraged to visit the project site and familiarize themselves with the project area prior to submission of their bid.

Each bidder will be required to submit to the Office of the Director of Purchasing, their original proposal with a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the base bid. Each bidder shall honor the bid price for ninety (90) business days from the date of the bid opening, without modification. Upon award of the bid, the lowest responsible bidder shall be bound by the bid proposal price throughout the contract period.

The minimum rates to be paid for labor on various classifications of the project shall be in accordance with the current schedule of prevailing wages established by the Federal Department of Labor (Davis-Bacon Act) and the Connecticut Department of Labor, Wage and Workplace Standards Division. Refer to the prevailing wage rates included within the specifications.

The bidder agrees that 10% of the final contract value shall be performed by Disadvantaged Enterprise Enterprises (DBE) certified by the Connecticut Department of Transportation as a sub-contractor or owner-operator of construction equipment. The Bidder must indicate with their Bid the DBE firm(s) it intends to utilize to meet the above stated percentage and submit the Pre-Award DBE Commitment Approval Request with the bid forms.

The Town of Ridgefield reserves the right to reject any or all bids; or to waive defects in same, if it deems such to be in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Ridgefield is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.
7/29/2022 7260887

INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Newington will accept bids from experienced Contractors for the Lavery Law Enforcement Emergency Response and PPE Storage Space Renovations. All bids must be submitted in accordance with Town specifications and on forms supplied by the Town. Bid Forms and specifications are available in the Town Manager's Office, 200 Garfield Street, Newington, CT 06111 and online at the Town's website, www.newingtonct.gov under Doing Business, Bid Opportunities. Bids will be received in the Town Manager's Office and read publicly at 2:30 PM on August 11, 2022. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on August 3, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Lavery Law Enforcement Center, 300 Garfield Street, Newington, CT 06111. Addenda will be posted on the Town's website; Bidder is responsible for printing any plans or sketches to scale. A bid bond for 5% of the amount bid is required. Any contract or award will be subject to State of Connecticut set-aside and contract compliance requirements. The Town of Newington reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Keith Chapman,
Town Manager
7/29/22 7258753

ORDER OF NOTICE

The City of Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Virtual Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6 p.m. to hear the following public hearing items:

a. 1 Gold St - Request for a Special Permit for proposed signage at 1 Gold Street, zoned DT-1 Downtown district, pursuant to Section 8.1.3.E and Section 1.3.4 of Hartford's Zoning Regulations. Owner: RDC One Gold Street, LLC; Applicant: Tony DelBuono. Open Hearing Deadline: September 29, 2022.

b. 1680 Albany Ave - Request for a Special Permit and Site Plan Review for a deviation from the Zoning Regulations' fence requirements, pursuant to Section 1.3.4 and Section 6.13.5, for the installation of an 8-foot fence in the front, corner side, rear, and a site plan per Sec.1.3.3 establishing a Craftsman Industrial use. Owner: 1420 Park Street, LLC; Applicant: Lifecare Design Inc. c/o Natalie Sweeney. Open Hearing Deadline: September 15, 2022.

c. 1390 Park St - Request for Special Permits and a Site Plan for Entertainment Assembly (Sec.3.3.5.K) with a Drinking Place/Bar (3.3.5.I), and an Outdoor Café associated with a Drinking Place (Sec.3.5.2.D(1)(c)) on a mixed-use property located in the CX2 district with the Transit Oriented Development overlay per Section 1.3.4. Owner: 1390-1400 Park Street, LLC; Applicant: Lifecare Design Inc. c/o Natalie Sweeney. Open Hearing Deadline: August 18, 2022.

d. 1420 Park St - Request for a Special Permit for an Outdoor Café associated with a Drinking Place per Sec.3.5.2.D(1)(c) and a site plan per Sec.1.3.3 establishing a Craftsman Industrial use. Owner: 1420 Park Street, LLC; Applicant: Lifecare Design Inc. c/o Natalie Sweeney. Open Hearing Deadline: September 15, 2022.

Meeting information and documents are available online:
https://www.meetinginfo.org/meetings/1736. Documents are available for inspection by appointment at 260 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103.
7/29/22 7259329

Liquor Notices




LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **SULTAN JAVED, 13 TARBOX RD, PLAINFIELD, CT 06374-1964**, Have filed an application placarded **07/19/2022** with the Department of Consumer Protection for a **GROCERY BEER PERMIT** for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at **4 BOSTON POST RD WATERFORD CT 06385**. The business will be owned by BESTWAY GROCERY LLC. Entertainment will consist of: Objections must be filed by: 08-30-2022.

07/19/2022
SULTAN JAVED
7/20, 7/29 2022 7251546

WEATHER

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Clouds and some sun, humid, an afternoon shower a thunderstorm is possible. Southwest winds at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 89°
LOW 67°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and less humid.

HIGH 86°
LOW 62°

SUNDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and very warm.

HIGH 89°
LOW 67°

MONDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and very warm.

HIGH 89°
LOW 69°

TUESDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, hot and humid, chance for a late day shower or a thunderstorm.

HIGH 90°
LOW 70°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

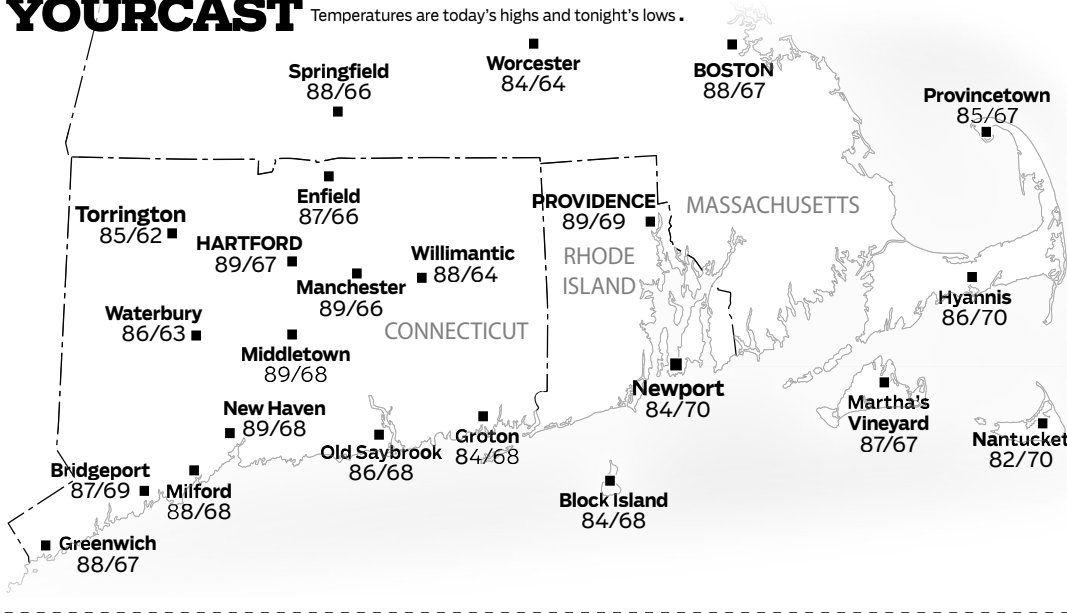
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

A weak cold front crossing the state on Friday will cause a mixture of clouds and sunshine with the chance for a few scattered showers and thunderstorms during the afternoon and evening. It will be a warm day with highs well into the 80s. It will be turning less humid with the dew point dropping through the 60s. High pressure will bring sunshine with some fair-weather clouds on Saturday and then a mostly sunny day for Sunday. There will be comfortable humidity on Saturday, then moderate humidity Sunday as the dew point climbs into the lower 60s.

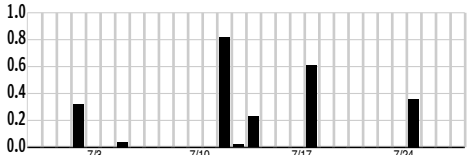
-Gary Lessor

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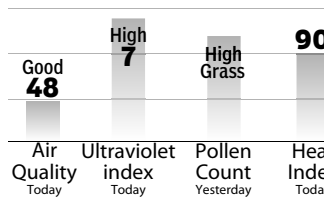
Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	Trace 0.15
Month to date	2.40 3.72
Total this year	22.57 25.89

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



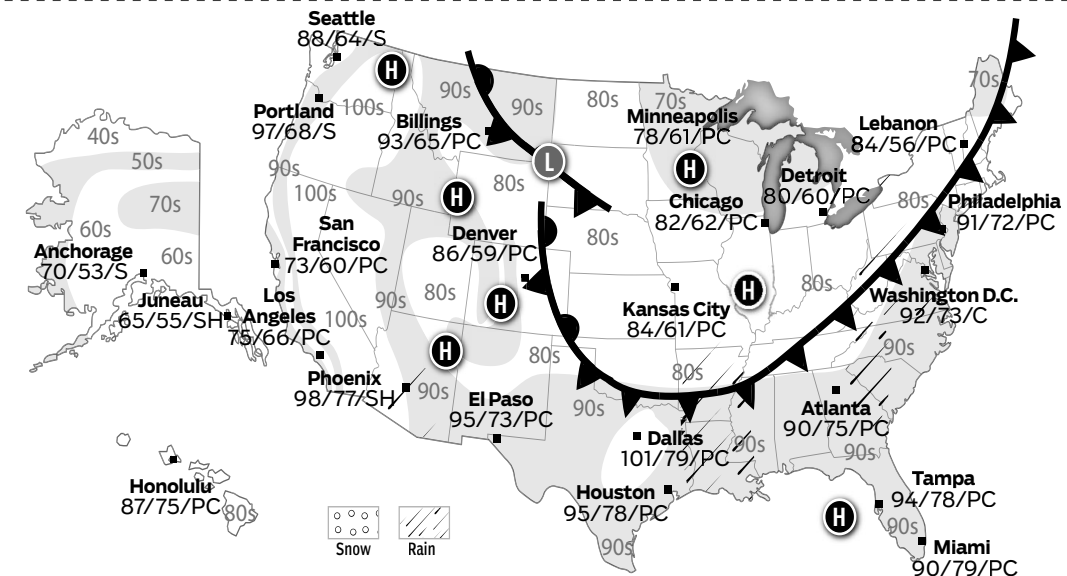
Air Quality Forecast For Today



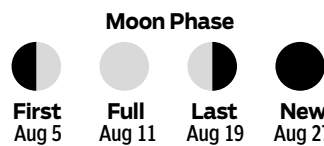
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	10:52 a.m.	4:57 a.m.	76°
Saybrook Jetty	11:06 p.m.	4:56 p.m.	77°
Connecticut River at Portland	12:03 p.m.	5:49 p.m.	
Madison	2:21 a.m.	9:36 a.m.	
New Haven	2:46 p.m.	9:35 p.m.	
Stamford	a.m.	6:08 a.m.	77°
	12:21 p.m.	6:17 p.m.	
	12:41 p.m.	6:41 p.m.	
	12:16 a.m.	6:46 a.m.	77°
	12:45 p.m.	6:55 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 2.75 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	Pcloudy	Pcloudy	Pcloudy
Wind	W, 5-10	W, 5-10	W/SW, 5-15
Seas	1 ft.	1-3 ft.	2-3 ft.



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:41 a.m.	5:42 a.m.
Sunset	8:13 p.m.	8:12 p.m.
Moonrise	6:13 a.m.	7:17 a.m.
Moonset	9:14 p.m.	9:40 p.m.



AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	86 60 PC
Burlington	82 60 PC
Caribou	81 57 PC
Concord	88 56 PC
Montpelier	77 54 PC
Mt. Wash.	53 41 PC
Portland	86 60 PC
Woods Hole	84 69 PC

Baltimore

Baltimore	90 70 C
Bismarck	85 55 S
Boise	102 68 S
Buffalo	76 60 PC
Charleston	93 78 PC
Cincinnati	84 61 PC
Cleveland	79 61 PC
Indianapolis	82 60 PC
Jacksonville	95 74 PC
Las Vegas	100 82 PC
Miami Beach	88 81 PC
Milwaukee	77 63 PC

Nashville

Nashville	82 70 R
New Orleans	92 78 PC
New York	91 72 PC
Okla. City	86 70 C
Omaha	84 61 S
Orlando	94 74 S
Pittsburgh	81 62 PC
Raleigh	92 75 SH
St. Louis	85 67 PC
Salt Lake City	96 71 PC
San Antonio	100 79 PC
San Diego	75 69 C

San Juan

San Juan	89 79 PC
Tucson	87 75 C

Budapest

Budapest	94 70 PC
Buenos Aires	60 47 S
Cairo	104 74 S
Cancun	89 77 SH
Dubai	99 86 PC
Dublin	73 62 SH
Edinburgh	72 58 SH
Helsinki	69 52 PC
Hong Kong	90 79 PC
Istanbul	87 72 S
Jerusalem	89 69 S
Johannesburg	66 44 S

Kingston

Kingston	91 74 PC
Lisbon	83 64 S
London	82 62 PC
Madrid	98 71 S
Mexico City	69 54 SH
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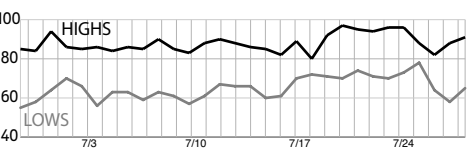
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For Jan 1 - July 28	573	464	521

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Strength in numbers

Mix of fresh faces, returnees has Hurley encouraged about '22

HARTFORD — Andre Jackson was asking how to grip the baseball. Donovan Clingan showed him the four-seam fastball, and Jackson took it to the mound. “We eliminated Adama [Sanogo],” UConn men’s basketball coach Dan Hurley said, “because if you saw the softball game last year, he was atrocious. [Jordan Hawkins] was making a push for it, and everyone else had



Dom Amore

the situational awareness to know it had to be one of those three.” So Jackson, 6 feet 6, took the ball like an ace and delivered the first pitch at the Yard Goats’ game at Dunkin’ Donuts Park Wednesday, which served as a team outing for the Huskies. He threw a strike, if you believe in a high

strike zone. “Team building” throughout the summer is a key element of Hurley’s M.O., and it’s more important than ever. “We do a lot on the court in the summer,” he said after spending a long third inning on the air with Jeff Dooley in the Yard Goats’ radio booth. “We have so many guys that are new to the program, not just the four transfers, but guys who are new to the court, Alex Karaban and Donovan and Samson [Johnson], it’s a pretty

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UConn men’s basketball coach Dan Hurley took his team to a Yard Goats game this week. He chatted with radio announcer Jeff Dooley during the second inning. **DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT**

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Former UConn great Sue Bird signs autographs before her Seattle Storm faced off against the Connecticut Sun in a WNBA game on Thursday night at Mohegan Sun Arena. **BRYAN WOOLSTON/AP**

HER STATE OF MIND

Sue Bird reflects on two decades of playing in Connecticut as she approaches final game here

By Lila Bromberg | Hartford Courant

There are three places that Sue Bird feels like she can call legitimately call home. There’s New York, where she was born and raised in Syosset, on Long Island. There’s Seattle, where she’s played for the Storm since being drafted first overall into the WNBA in 2002. And then there’s Connecticut.

Throughout a storied college career that saw her win two national championships at UConn from 1998-2002, Bird developed deep ties to the state and the people in it, from her teammates, coaches and support staff that became family, to the passionate fans who packed every game, some of whom even used to bake her and her

fellow Huskies cupcakes on their birthdays. Two decades later, Bird will play in what is likely her final game in Connecticut, barring a meeting in the WNBA playoffs, when the Seattle Storm face the Connecticut Sun at 7 p.m. ET. “No way to have even dreamed of sitting here now after going to the University of Connecticut,

after having a 20-plus year WNBA career,” Bird said Wednesday. “I mean no way I would have thought that. So it is pretty cool. I am very proud of the things I’ve been able to accomplish on the court, and it started at UConn, right? I always say that’s where the foundation of who I am as a player, as a person was really established and developed, and I was able to build on top of that as I went through my career.” Bird remembers how excited she was when Connecticut first got a WNBA team in 2003, after the Orlando Miracle organization was purchased by the Mohegan Tribe, moved to Uncasville and was renamed the Connecticut Sun. About to enter her second season in the league, she now had a game to circle each

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UCONN FOOTBALL

Mora’s ‘revolution’ about to get under way

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

UConn football fall camp starts Friday with the much-anticipated first game of the Jim Mora “revolution” less than a month away. Since Mora arrived in Storrs last spring he has almost completely retooled the coaching staff. Defensive coordinator Lou Spanos, who served as interim head coach for the final 10 games of 2021, is the only returnee. Matt King, director of strength and conditioning, is also back for his third season in Storrs. The offseason has been filled with excitement as the Huskies added a slew of transfers and commitments likely to make an impact right away. But anyone expecting Mora and his staff to come in and immediately start winning big may end up disappointed. The Huskies haven’t won more than three games in a season since 2015 when they finished 6-7. The 2022 schedule begins at Utah State on Aug. 27 before the Huskies welcome fans back to Rentschler Field for games against Central Connecticut State and Syracuse on Sept. 3 and 10. UConn will hit the road for games at Michigan (Sept. 17) and North Carolina State (Sept. 24). Other notable games include Homecoming against Boston College Oct. 29, and Army to end the season Nov. 19. Here are three key questions Mora needs answered before Week One:

1. Who will be the Huskies’ starting quarterback?

Steven Krajewski, UConn’s primary signal caller in 2021, transferred to Georgia State May 17, leaving the position wide open. Ta’Quan Roberson, who transferred to UConn from Penn State in December, seems to be

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Up next

UConn at Utah State
Aug. 27, 4 p.m.

ONLINE: For complete coverage of Sue Bird’s final game in Connecticut, which ended too late for this edition, go to courant.com/sports.

GIANTS TRAINING CAMP

Offense off to slow start in first steps of a rebuild

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kenny Golladay, Kadarius Toney and Darius Slayton all dropped passes as the Giants’ offense sputtered on day two of training camp. Daniel Jones hit Golladay with two throws downfield on a rope, his best passes on the day. But safety Julian Love punched the ball out from the blind side to negate the first completion. Defensive linemen Dexter Lawrence and Jihad Ward blew up two other plays with sacks on the pass rush. Speedy receiver Richie James

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Patriots defense learns a lesson late in practice on Day 2 of training camp. **Page 5**

impressed in some first-team work while rotating with dynamic rookie Wan’Dale Robinson. And James and Slayton both caught late, short TDs from Jones. But backup QB Tyrod Taylor completed the throw of the day: a deep bomb down the left sideline to Collin Johnson. Brian Daboll was vocal about

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Giants quarterback Daniel Jones, right, hands off the ball to wide receiver Wan’Dale Robinson during training camp Thursday in East Rutherford, New Jersey. **JOHN MINCHILLO/AP**

YANKEES

Benintendi will talk vaccination status

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Andrew Benintendi will listen. The Yankees new outfielder denied reports that he had talked with the team about his vaccination status before the deal with the Royals was finalized. Benintendi, who was one of 10 Royals players who could not play against the Blue Jays in Toronto because they were not vaccinated against the coronavirus, said that his first day was just about settling in and he will discuss his vaccination status with the team soon.

“Right now, I mean, I’m still positioned in the same spot. I’m open-minded about it. I’m not against it,” Benintendi said before Thursday night’s series opener against the Royals at Yankee Stadium. “Time will tell as we get closer. But now, I am just focused on getting here, getting comfortable getting to know the other guys and winning baseball games.” Benintendi is the first move in what the Yankees need to do to start winning games again. They went into the four-game series

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Patriots: Preseason: Giants, August 11, 7 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: at Patriots, August 11, 7 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: at Eagles, August 12, 7:30 p.m.
Red Sox: Brewers, Friday, 7 p.m.; Brewers, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Brewers, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yankees: Royals, Friday, 7 p.m.; Royals, Saturday, 2 p.m.; Royals, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Mets: at Marlins, Friday, 6:30 p.m.; at Marlins, Saturday, 6 p.m.; at Marlins, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yard Goats: Portland, Friday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Saturday, 6 p.m.; Portland, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Sun: Sky, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Mercury, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Mercury, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Birmingham, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Memphis, August 6, 8:30 p.m.; Indy, August 13, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
7:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Hungary Grand Prix, Practice 1. (Live) ESPN
10:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Hungary Grand Prix, Practice 2. (Live) ESPN2
1:15 p.m.: W Series Budapest, Qualifying. (Live) ESPN
3 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard, Qualifying. (Live) USA
4:30 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series TSport 200, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
6 p.m.: ARCA Racing Series IRP. (Live) FS1
9 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series TSport 200. (Live) FS1
BASEBALL
6:30 p.m.: New York Mets at Miami Marlins. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
7 p.m.: Milwaukee Brewers at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Kansas City Royals at New York Yankees. (Live), Amazon Prime Video. Radio: 97.9
9:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Blue Collar U vs Heartfire. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at Indiana Fever. (Live) NBA
8 p.m.: WNBA: New York Liberty at Chicago Sky. (Live) CBSSN
9 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
EQUESTRIAN
3 p.m.: Saratoga Live. (Live) FS1
FOOTBALL
9 p.m.: BC Lions at Saskatchewan Roughriders. (Live) ESPN2
11:30 p.m.: Collingwood Magpies vs Port Adelaide Power. (Live) FSP
2:30 a.m.: St. Kilda Saints vs Hawthorn Hawks. (Live) FSP
5 a.m.: Geelong Cats vs Western Bulldogs. (Live) FS1
5:30 a.m.: Adelaide Crows vs Carlton Blues. (Live) FSP
GOLF
7 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Hero Open, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
10 a.m.: Trust Golf Women's Scottish Open, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: Rocket Mortgage Classic, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
6 p.m.: U.S. Junior Amateur, Semifinals. (Live) GOLF
RUGBY
2:30 p.m.: Rugby Super League (Live) FSP
5 p.m.: NRL Rugby Parramatta Eels vs Penrith Panthers. (Taped) FSP
SOCCER
2:55 p.m.: English Championship Soccer Huddersfield Town vs Burnley. (Live) ESPN2
11 p.m.: MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at Los Angeles FC. (Live) FS1
SOFTBALL
7 p.m.: Athletes Unlimited Softball Team Chidester (Orange) vs. Team Eberle (Blue). (Live) ESPN2

LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
CT Legion Tournament
State Championship—Game 1 (best-of-3)
At Palmer Field, Middletown
Danbury vs. Waterford, 6:30 p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE
WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULT
ANGELS 4, DODGERS 3
Note: Beaucar tossed a complete game, allowing 2 runs on 4 hits with 3 strikeouts. Nunez was 1-for-4 with 3 RBI and a walk-off walk.
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
PATRIOTS AT BLACK SOX, LATE
ANGELS AT ROCKIES, LATE
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Dodgers at Knights, 6 p.m.
Rockies at Rock Cats, 6 p.m.
Orioles at Aftershook, 6 p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE
WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS
PEOPLE'S 4, JETS 3
Note: Cam Murphy tossed a complete game for the win. Willy Yahn had a home run.
GRAPHICS 5, CARDINALS 4
THURSDAY'S RESULT
EXPOS AT COLTS, LATE
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Phillies at People's, 6 p.m.
Greensers at Graphics, 7 p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE
WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS
PKBL Playoffs
16u—Semifinals
STAFFORD ROYALS 15,
NOR'EASTERS-NEWINGTON 1 (5)
Note: Angelo Vella was 3-for-4 with 3 RBI. Tom Tantillo was 2-for-3 with 3 RBI. Jayden Iacobucci was 2-for-3 with 3 RBI. Josh Cocco was 2-for-2 with an RBI and Gavin Stevens had 2 RBI for Stafford.
WEST HARTFORD THUNDER 6,
COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON 3
Note: Cam Levine picked up the win for West Hartford. Timmy Baumer earned the save.
14u—Semifinals
CT BULLDOGS-WETHERSFIELD 10,
NEWINGTON RAIDERS 0
FARMINGTON 9, AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN 3
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
PKBL Playoffs
19u—Semifinals
AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN AT
COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON, LATE
NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND REC AT ROCKY HILL, LATE
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
PKBL Playoffs (at New Britain Stadium)
16u—Championship
West Hartford Thunder vs. Stafford Royals, 4 p.m.
14u—Championship
CT Bulldogs-Wethersfield vs. Farmington, 4 p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE				
Standings				
Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Somerset	58	34	.630	—
Hartford	57	34	.626	0.5
Portland	45	47	.489	13
New Hampshire	41	51	.446	17
Reading	40	52	.435	18
Binghamton	34	57	.374	23.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Erie	53	38	.582	—

Oettl saves a point for Hartford Athletic

EDINBURG, Texas — Yannik Oettl made eight saves, including a game-saving stop two minutes into extra time at the game's end, to secure the Hartford Athletic's 0-0 tie at Rio Grande Valley FC Toros in a USL Championship series match on Wednesday night. Oettl's play allowed the Athletic to return home with a point and improve to 4-12-5 and in 10th place in the Eastern Conference. At 90 plus 2 in extra time, the Toros' Emilio Ycaza's shot forced Oettl to make a diving save for his third shutout of the season. Athletic returns home for a match against Birmingham Legion FC on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Health Stadium. — *Staff report*

Akron	AB	48	42	.533	4.5
Richmond		47	45	.511	6.5
Altoona		46	47	.495	8
Bowie		43	49	.467	10.5
Harrisburg		38	54	.413	15.5

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Somerset at Richmond, 6:30 p.m.
Reading at Erie, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Altoona at Bowie, 7 p.m.
New Hampshire at Binghamton, 7 p.m.
Harrisburg at Akron, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE YARD GOATS BOX SCORE									
SEA DOGS 9, YARD GOATS 4									
Portland	AB	R	H	BI					
Hamilton, ss	5	0	0	0					
Rafaela, cf	5	2	2	0					
Arroyo, dh	1	1	1	1					
Cottam, pd-dh	2	1	1	0					
Koss, 2b	5	2	2	1					
Scott, c	2	0	2	2					
Binelas, 1b	4	0	0	0					
Northcutt, 3b	5	1	1	1					
Wilson, rf	3	1	0	0					
Dearden, lf	5	1	2	2					
Totals	37	9	11	7					

Hartford	AB	R	H	BI
Montano, rf	5	1	2	2
Stovall, ss	4	1	1	0
Lavigne, dh	3	0	0	0
Toglia, 1b	4	0	1	1
Schunk, lf	4	0	0	0
Datres, 3b	4	0	1	0
MacIver, c	4	1	2	0
Decolatti, cf	4	1	1	1
Collins, 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	36	4	8	4

Portland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kennedy (W, 3-5)	5	8	4	4	1	3	4.70
Hart	2	0	0	0	0	2	6.75
Fernandez	2	0	0	0	0	2	3.60
Hartford	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kilkenny	2.2	5	4	4	3	4	6.21
Fennell (L, 2-2)	1.2	1	2	2	5	1	6.35
Gaddis	1.2	3	3	3	0	1	5.00
Biddy	2	2	0	0	0	4	2.96
Darnell	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.52
WP:	Fennell; Gaddis.	Umpires:	Koury, Cassidy, Velez.	Time:	2:59.	Att.:	6,541.

RED SOX NOTES

Eovaldi hoping Bloom is a buyer at the trade deadline

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Four years ago, the Red Sox sent left-handed prospect Jalen Beeks to the Tampa Bay Rays in exchange for a hard-throwing right-hander who helped them win a World Series. This time around, Nathan Eovaldi could be heading in the other direction. The 32-year-old wasn't particularly sharp over his six innings of three-run ball in Boston's 7-6 loss to Cleveland on Wednesday night, but later pleaded his case that the team should be buyers, not sellers, ahead of Tuesday's trade deadline. "I don't think we ever doubt ourselves," Eovaldi said. "Being in this situation and being in this division, having the three teams in the wild card this year, there's a lot of different things that come into play. I think we have a lot of guys that are still coming back [from the injured list].

"Right now we're scuf-

fling a little bit. We're trying to piece together some things, a lot of moving parts, but I feel like we have the team to do it. It's all about getting hot at the right time. I think everyone has seen what we're capable of when we get hot." Eovaldi may not have more time to prove it. He's scheduled to pitch next on Monday in Houston, but if the Red Sox keep skidding — as they probably will, given half the team is still on the injured list and Alex Cora's crew is struggling to make simple defensive plays — Eovaldi could be on his way out of town before then. He's in the final year of his four-year, \$68-million contract that he signed shortly after winning the 2018 World Series. The Sox could hold onto him and either attempt to negotiate an extension or make him a one-year qualifying offer, which, assuming Eovaldi rejects it, would guarantee the team a pick after the fourth round in next year's

first-year player draft. But Eovaldi is hoping the Red Sox are buyers, not sellers, before Tuesday's deadline. "When we're healthy, we're fully capable of going out there with the guys that we have," he said. "But when guys are not healthy, and as many as we have hurt right now, and the pieces that we have coming back, it would be nice to have more guys coming in and filling in other situations and other roles." This team needed help weeks ago. Their lack of major league quality first basemen has been a glaring necessity for a long time. All the players can do now is cross their fingers that the front office acts aggressively. "Right now we're talking about getting rid of our big name guys, and we definitely don't want that to happen," Eovaldi said. "We understand as players that it's part of the business and things are out of your control, but at the same time, having the

front office show the faith that they believe in us and going out there and getting the guys that we need to better ourselves down the road, it definitely gives us that encouragement." **Three sent to Portland:** A few of Boston's role players are on their way back. Lefty starter Rich Hill, righty reliever Matt Barnes and utility man Christian Arroyo were all sent out on a rehab assignment with Double-A Portland on Thursday night. The Sea Dogs are in the midst of a series in Hartford against the Yard Goats. Hill has been out with a knee injury, though could be an impact pitcher down the stretch, given his tendency to be much better in the second half throughout his career. Arroyo has been missed at second base, where the Sox have used some combination of Yolmer Sanchez and Jeter Downs while they wait for Trevor Story to return from a hand injury.



The Royals' Andrew Benintendi leaves the batter's box on an RBI single during the third inning against the Rays on July 22 in Kansas City, Missouri. COLIN E. BRALEY/AP

Yankees

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with the Royals having lost 10 of their last 15 and 14-15 over their last 29. They hope he will be a big part of them clinching the American League East and getting to the World Series. That will include a three-game series in Toronto at the end of September and the possibility of a playoff series there. Unvaccinated players are not allowed to travel into Canada. The Yankees have had their entire roster with them in their two previous stops. "I have not yet," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said of discussing the vaccine with Benintendi. "We'll cross that bridge if and when we have to, but I have not had the conversation." Instead, Boone was about shuffling his lineup and figuring out how to use the All-Star. "A guy that's championship battle tested, he obviously played a key part in the Red Sox run in '18. He was a key figure for them," Boone said. "He's having an All Stars caliber season. A guy that gets on base, great bat to ball skills. Good defender in left field. I'm really excited to add him to the mix. I think he makes us more versatile, gives us some more balance. I think

he can hit a lot of different places in our lineup. I think he's got a chance to be a great fit for us." The lefty-hitting outfielder is a more complete player than Joey Gallo, who the Yankees acquired at last trade deadline. Over a full year, that move championed by the analytics department for his power and on-base percentage, has proven to be a mistake. In 138 games, Gallo has hit .160/.293/.371 with 25 home runs and a .664 OPS. In 498 plate appearances, Gallo has 77 walks and has struck out 191 times. Gallo was in the lineup Thursday night, but the Yankees have been shopping him to try and offload him before the Tuesday MLB, 6 p.m. trade deadline. Boone said that he has been open and honest with Gallo since the deal happened, but that's part of the game. Moving forward, Benintendi will predominantly play in left field with Judge playing in right field more down the stretch. Aaron Hicks was in center field Thursday night and could see more shifts there as Judge plays more in right field, but his playing time could also be affected when Giancarlo Stanton, on the injured list with left Achilles tendinitis, returns. "So we'll just see, again, there'll be

some competition for playing time and things like that, but we'll try and put everyone in the best possible position to give us a good chance every night," Boone said. A more complete player than Gallo, Benintendi gives the Yankees a better shot offensively. He comes in hitting .320/.387/.398 with three homers and 39 RBI in 93 games this season with the Royals. A contact, lefty-bat, Benintendi could up those power numbers with the short right-field porch at Yankee Stadium. He has seven career homers at Yankee Stadium in 38 games here with the Royals and Red Sox. Benintendi said he will rely on his experience here as a Red Sox, but after a season and a half with the Royals, however, Benintendi's swing is a little different. "I think playing in Boston has prepared me for this atmosphere and, obviously, I have played a lot of games here. So I'm looking forward to getting back out there and playing on the other side," Benintendi said. "As far as my swing, Kauffman Stadium is pretty big, a big stadium and for a guy like me, it's tough to run one out of there. So really just focus on hitting more line drives, getting on base and just taking what they give me."

BASEBALL LATE WEDNESDAY

Mets edge Yankees 3-2 in 9th for 2-game Subway Series sweep

Staff and wire reports

Starling Marte singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the New York Mets beat the crosstown Yankees 3-2 on Wednesday night for a two-game sweep of their Subway Series. Max Scherzer was marvelous on his 38th birthday, striking out Aaron Judge three times to help the Mets take a 2-0 lead into the eighth. Gleyber Torres tied it with a two-run homer off inexperienced reliever David Peterson, normally a starter. Pete Alonso homered

early off Domingo Germán, and Francisco Lindor had an RBI single for the Mets before a sellout crowd at Citi Field. Making his Subway Series debut, Scherzer permitted five hits over seven innings and struck out six — including Judge in two big situations. Eduardo Escobar doubled on the first pitch from Wandy Peralta (2-3), who entered in the ninth on his 31st birthday. Escobar advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Tomás Nido, who doubled and scored earlier. Escobar held at third

when Brandon Nimmo reached on an infield single that a lunging Peralta was unable to corral cleanly. Marte then ripped a line drive into left field over a drawn-in infield to give the Mets their ninth walk-off win against the Yankees. Seth Lugo (2-2) struck out three in 1½ scoreless innings for the win.

two homers and drove in five runs for the Red Sox, who have lost seven of eight and 15 of 19. Naylor connected for his 14th homer with one out off Tanner Houck (5-4). **Sea Dogs 9, Yard Goats 4:** At Hartford, Nicholas Northcut and Tyler Deardon each hit home runs to lead Portland to the Eastern League Northeast Division win at Dunkin' Donuts Park. The loss ended an eight-game win streak for Hartford (57-34). Daniel Montano had two hits, including a solo home run, and two RBI for the Yard Goats.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	66	33	.667	—	—	4-6	L-2	37-12	29-21
Toronto	54	44	.551	11 ½	+1 ½	8-2	L-1	31-20	23-24
Tampa Bay	53	46	.535	13	—	4-6	L-1	31-18	22-28
Baltimore	50	49	.505	16	3	5-5	W-1	29-20	21-29
Boston	49	50	.495	17	4	2-8	L-2	24-25	25-25

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	52	46	.531	—	—	4-6	L-2	27-22	25-24
Cleveland	50	47	.515	1 ½	2	7-3	W-2	25-19	25-28
Chicago	49	49	.500	3	3 ½	6-4	L-1	21-27	28-22
Detroit	40	59	.404	12 ½	13	3-7	W-1	25-27	15-32
Kansas City	39	59	.398	13	13 ½	4-6	L-2	22-30	17-29

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	64	35	.646	—	—	6-4	L-3	30-14	34-21
Seattle	54	45	.545	10	+1	7-3	W-3	27-23	27-22
Texas	43	54	.443	20	9	2-8	L-3	21-26	22-28
Los Angeles	42	56	.429	21 ½	10 ½	4-6	W-2	22-27	20-29
Oakland	38	63	.376	27	16	7-3	W-3	17-33	21-30

BOX SCORES

MIAMI 7, CINCINNATI 6

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wendle 3b	5	1	2	1	0	.296
Aguiar dh	4	1	3	4	1	.251
Bleday cf	5	0	0	0	3	.182
Garcia rf	4	0	0	0	1	.231
L.Diaz 1b	2	1	1	0	1	.211
Rojas ss	4	0	1	1	0	.242
De La Cruz lf	3	0	0	0	2	.213
a-Sanchez ph-1f1	1	1	1	1	0	.207
Williams 2b	3	1	0	0	1	.243
Stallings c	3	1	2	0	0	.201
1-Fortes pr-c	0	1	0	0	0	.259
TOTALS	34	7	10	7	9	
Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
India 2b	4	1	0	0	0	.235
Drury 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.271
Pham lf	5	1	3	2	1	.245
Votto dh	4	0	1	0	1	.211
Solano 3b	4	0	1	1	1	.330
Reynolds ss	4	1	1	0	0	.264
Kunz cf	4	1	0	1	0	.253
Naquin rf	3	1	1	2	0	.246
b-K.Farmer ph	1	0	0	0	0	.254
Kolozvary c	3	0	1	1	1	.176
c-Fairchild ph	1	0	0	0	1	.080
TOTALS	37	6	11	6	7	

Miami 002 100 103 — 7 10 0
Cincinnati 100 211 001 — 6 11 0

a-homered for De La Cruz in the 9th.
b-grounded out for Naquin in the 9th.
c-struck out for Kolozvary in the 9th.
1-ran for Stallings in the 9th.

LOB: Miami 5, Cincinnati 7. **2B:** Stallings (5), Aguiar (15), Wendle (12), Drury (21), Pham (11), Kolozvary (2).

HR: Aguiar (12), off Ashcraft; Sanchez (12), off Strickland; Naquin (7), off O'kert.

RBIs: Aguiar (443), Rojas (24), Sanchez (32), Wendle (21), Pham (239), Naquin (23), Kolozvary (30), Solano (13).

CS: Wendle (1). **SF:** Aguiar.

Runners left in scoring position: Miami 1 (Bleday); Cincinnati 3 (Reynolds, India, Votto). **RISP:** Miami 3for 5; Cincinnati 4for 10. **Runners moved up:** Wendle, Naquin, GIDP: Rojas, Reynolds. **DP:** Miami 1 (Williams, L.Diaz); Cincinnati 1 (India, Reynolds, Drury).

MIAMI IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Castano 2/3 2 1 1 0 0 4.04
Brigham 2/3 3 2 2 0 2 4.91
Blair, BS, 0-3 4 1 1 0 0 0
O'kert 1/4 1 1 0 0 1 2.29
Bass 1/0 0 0 0 0 1 1.44
Pap, W, 2-0 1 0 0 0 1 4.00
Scott, S, 14-18 1 1 1 2 2 4.43

CINCINNATI IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Ashcraft 6/3 8 4 3 2 6 4.64
A.Diaz, H, 11 1/6 0 0 0 0 2 1.91
Strickland, L, 2-3 0 1 3 3 1 0 5.70
BS, 6-9

B.Farmer 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 4.50
Inherited runners-scored: Brigham 2-0, Bleier 2-0, O'kert 2-0, A.Diaz 1-0, B.Farmer 2-2. **HBP:** Castano (Votto), Strickland (Stallings). **WP:** Bleier (2). **PB:** Kolozvary (2). **Umpires:** HP, Vic Carapazza; 1B, Ed Hickox; 2B, Jerry Meals; 3B, Dan Merzel. T: 3:40. **A:** 14,506 (42,319).

LATE WEDNESDAY: CLEVELAND 7, BOSTON 6

Cleveland AB R H BI SO AVG
Kwan lf 5 0 0 1 1 0 .294
Rosario ss 5 0 2 1 0 0 .296
Ramirez 3b 5 0 0 0 0 0 .285
Naylor 1b 5 1 1 1 0 0 .279
Reyes dh 4 1 2 0 0 0 .220
Miller 2b 5 1 1 0 1 0 .246
Jones rf 4 3 3 1 0 1 .306
Hedges c 2 1 0 1 0 1 .175
b-Gimenez ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .300
Malie c 0 0 0 0 0 0 .191
Straw cf 4 0 2 2 1 .219
TOTALS 40 7 12 7 2
Boston AB R H BI SO AVG
Duran cf 3 0 0 0 0 2 .244
a-Refnyder rf 2 0 0 0 0 0 .312
Verdugo lf 4 0 2 0 0 .265
Bogaerts ss 3 0 1 0 0 .317
Martinez dh 4 0 0 0 0 .295
Vazquez c 4 1 2 0 0 .281
Cordero 1b 3 3 1 0 0 .220
Dalbec 3b 3 2 2 5 1 .206
Bradley Jr. rf-cf4 0 1 0 0 2 .211
Sanchez 2b 4 0 0 0 0 1 .111
TOTALS 34 6 9 5 6

Cleveland 030 200 011 — 7 12 2
Boston 020 202 000 — 6 9 3

a-grounded out for Duran in the 7th.
b-flied out for Hedges in the 8th.
E: Kwan (4), Rosario (9), Cordero 3(10).
LOB: Cleveland 8, Boston 4.

2B: Reyes (9), Straw 2(17), Jones 2(5), Kwan (15), Cordero (15), Bogaerts (27).
HR: Naylor (14), off Houck; Dalbec 2 (10), off Quantrill.

RBIs: Jones (13), Hedges (18), Straw 2 (17), Kwan (28), Rosario (35), Naylor (53), Dalbec 5(28). **CS:** Bradley Jr. (3). **SF:** Dalbec. **S:** Hedges.

Runners left in scoring position: Cleveland 4 (Hedges, Naylor, Rosario 2); Boston 3 (Martinez 3).
RISP: Cleveland 5for 16; Boston 0for 2.

CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Quantrill 9/3 8 6 5 2 2 4.397
Hentges 1/6 0 0 0 0 0 3.82
De Los Tos, W, 2-01/5 1 0 0 0 0 1.287
Clase, S, 21-23 1 0 0 0 0 1 1.31

BOSTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Eovaldi 6 9 5 3 0 1 4.32
Schreiber, BS, 3-5 2 2 1 1 1 1.66
Houck, L, 5-4 1 1 1 1 0 0 3.30

Pitches Strickland 95-63; Hentges 11-9; De Los Santos 16-12; Clase 15-10; Eovaldi 95-67; Schreiber 36-20; Houck 12-7.

WP: Quantrill.
Umpires: Home, Ben May; First, Scott Barry; Second, Dan Iassogna; Third, Marty Foster. T: 3:02. **A:** 32,919 (37,755).

ON THIS DATE

JULY 29
1968: George Culver of the Cincinnati Reds pitched a 6-1 no-hitter against the Phillies in the second game of a doubleheader at Philadelphia.

1983: Steve Garvey of the San Diego Padres ended his NL record of 1,207 consecutive games. The streak ended when he dislocated his thumb in a collision with Atlanta pitcher Pascual Perez while trying to score.

2001: Craig Monroe homered in his first major league at-bat, and the Texas Rangers beat Tampa Bay 2-0.

2003: Boston's Bill Mueller became the first player in major league history to hit grand slams from both sides of the plate in a game and connected for three homers in a 14-7 win at Texas.

2006: Tomas Perez tied a major league record with four doubles, going 5-for-5 and leading the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to a 19-6 rout of the Yankees.

2010: Anibal Sanchez pitched a one-hitter, leading the Florida Marlins past the San Francisco Giants 5-0.

Sanchez retired his first 13 batters and matched a career high with eight strikeouts.

BALTIMORE 3, TAMPA BAY 0

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
B.Lowe 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.240
Choi 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.266
Paredes 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.219
L.Raley dh	3	0	1	0	0	.205
J.Lowe rf	3	0	1	0	1	.206
Quinn lf-cf	3	0	0	1	1	.333
Phillips cf	2	0	0	0	1	.144
a-Arozarena ph-1f	2	0	0	0	2	.258
Walls ss	3	0	0	0	2	.169
Pinto c	3	0	0	0	2	.190
TOTALS	31	0	4	0	9	
Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hays lf	3	2	1	0	1	.264
Mancini dh	4	1	2	1	1	.271
Santander rf	4	0	2	1	1	.246
Mullins cf	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Mountcastle 1b4	0	0	0	0	3	.257
Urias 2b-3b	3	0	0	1	0	.261
Nevin 3b	2	0	1	0	0	.204
b-Ordoz ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	.200
Mateo ss	3	0	0	0	2	.213
McKenna cf-rf	3	0	0	0	1	.247
Chirinos c	3	0	0	0	1	.154
TOTALS	30	3	6	3	11	

Tampa Bay 000 000 000 — 0 4 0
Baltimore 001 000 02x — 3 6 0

a-struck out for Phillips in the 6th.
b-flied out for Nevin in the 7th.

LOB: Tampa Bay 10, Baltimore 4.
2B: Santander (13), Hays (24).

HR: Mancini (10), off Armstrong.
RBIs: Santander (52), Mountcastle 2(40).
SB: Hays (2).

Runners left in scoring position: Tampa Bay 5 (Choi, Arozarena 3, J.Lowe); Baltimore 1 (Mountcastle). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 0for 6; Baltimore 2for 3.

Runners moved up: Quinn.

TAMPA BAY IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Yarbrough, L, 0-6 6 4 1 1 0 8 5.11
Armstrong 2 2 2 2 0 3 3.70

BALTIMORE IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Lyles, W, 7-8 5/3 3 2 0 0 4 4.56
Perez, H, 15 1/6 1 0 0 0 2 1.30
Baker, H, 5 1/6 0 0 0 1 0 3.77
Bautista, S, 3-4 1/6 0 0 0 0 3 1.50

Pitches-Strikes: Yarbrough 83-63;
Armstrong 19-17; Lyles 106-58; Pérez 24-14; Baker 19-10; Bautista 13-10.

Inherited runners-scored: Perez 2-0, Bautista 1-0. **HBP:** Yarbrough (Hays), Baker (L.Raley).

Umpires: Home, Erich Bachhus; First, Jim Reynolds; Second, John Libka; Third, Mike Muchlinski.

Time: 2:54. **A:** 16,784 (45,971).

LATE WEDNESDAY: N.Y. METS 3, N.Y. YANKEES 2

N.Y. Yankees AB R H BI SO AVG
LeMahieu 1b 4 0 2 0 0 .281
Judge cf 5 0 0 0 0 3 .292
Rizzo dh 2 1 0 0 0 .223
Torres 2b 4 1 1 2 0 .263
Carpenter rf 4 0 1 0 2 .307
Donaldson 3b 4 0 1 0 1 .226
Hicks lf 4 0 1 0 2 .243
Kiner-Falefa ss 4 0 1 0 1 .275
Higashioka c 2 0 0 0 0 .186
a-Trevino ph-c 1 0 0 0 1 .262
TOTALS 34 2 7 2 10
N.Y. Mets AB R H BI SO AVG
Nimmo cf 5 0 1 0 1 .262
Marte rf 5 0 2 1 3 .300
Lindor ss 3 0 1 1 1 .251
Alonso 1b 3 1 1 1 0 .281
Vogelbach dh 2 0 1 0 0 .230
1-Jankowski dh 0 0 0 0 0 .167
Canha lf 4 0 1 0 0 .266
McNeil 2b 4 0 0 0 0 .288
Escobar 3b 4 1 1 0 3 .220
Nido c 3 1 1 0 1 .218
TOTALS 33 3 9 3 9

N.Y. Yankees 000 000 020 — 2 7 0
N.Y. Mets 011 000 001 — 3 9 0

One out when winning run scored.
a-struck out for Higashioka in the 9th.
1-ran for Vogelbach in the 8th.

LOB: NY Yankees 9, NY Mets 10.
2B: Donaldson (19), Kiner-Falefa (16), Nido (6), Escobar (19).

HR: Torres (16), off Peterson; Alonso (26), off German.

RBIs: Torres 2(45), Alonso (84), Lindor (67), Marte (43). **S:** Nido.

Runners left in scoring position: NY Yankees 4 (Donaldson, Judge 2, LeMahieu); NY Mets 3 (Nido, McNeil, Vogelbach).

RISP: NY Yankees 0for 7; NY Mets 3 for 10.

Runners moved up: Higashioka, Canha.

NY YANKEES IP H R ER BB SO ERA
German 4/5 5 2 2 2 7 8.22
Luetge 2 1 0 0 1 2 2.72
Loaisiga 1/6 0 0 0 0 0 7.06
Holmes 1 0 0 0 1 0 1.23
Peralta, L, 2-3 1/3 1 1 0 0 2.43

NY METS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Scherzer 7 5 0 0 2 6 2.09
Peterson, BS, 0-1 1/2 1 2 1 1 3.54
Lugo, W, 2-2 1/2 1 0 0 3 3.49

Inherited runners-scored: Luetge 1-0, Loaisiga 1-0. **HBP:** Scherzer (Rizzo).

Umpires: Home, Doug Eddings; First, Roberto Ortiz; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Brian Knight.

Time: 3:09. **A:** 43,693 (41,922).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVG. G AB R H AVG.
Arrazé Min 88 324 54 108 .333
Devers Bos 87 349 62 113 .324
Benintendi KC 93 347 40 111 .320
Bogaerts Bos 95 350 55 111 .317
Gurriel Jr. Tor 88 323 40 101 .313
Kirk Tor 87 285 48 89 .312
T.Anderson CHW 70 294 48 91 .310
France Sea 84 333 38 103 .309
Alvarez Hou 82 285 64 88 .309
Robert CHW 74 306 48 92 .301

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 38; Alvarez, Houston, 29; Buxton, Minnesota, 24; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Stanton, New York, 24; Rizzo, New York, 23; Seager, Texas, 23; Devers, Boston, 22; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 21; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 21.

Runs Batted In: Judge, New York, 82; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 79; Alvarez, Houston, 67; Tucker, Houston, 64; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 62; Stanton, New York, 61; A.Garcia, Texas, 61; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 59; Story, Boston, 58; Rizzo, New York, 58.

Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 13-3; Manoah, Toronto, 11-4; Taillon, New York, 10-2; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 10-3; Gilbert, Seattle, 10-4; Cease, Chicago, 10-4; Cole, New York, 9-3; Fvaldez, Houston, 9-4; Urquidy, Houston, 9-4; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 9-5.

through Wednesday

LATE WEDNESDAY: SEATTLE 4, TEXAS 2

SEATTLE 4, TEXAS 2						
Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.237
Seager ss	4	0	0	0	2	.243
Heim c	4	0	1	1	0	.262
Garcia rf	3	1	1	0	1	.252
Taveras cf	4	0	1	0	0	.342
Culberson lf	3	0	1	1	0	.256
d-Calhoun ph	1	0	0	0	0	.219
Duran 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.262
Solak dh	2	0	0	0	1	.194
b-Smith ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	.210
Hernandez 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.279

SCOREBOARD

SOCCKER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	11	2	9	42	34	15
New York City FC	12	4	5	41	41	21
N.Y. Red Bulls	10	6	6	36	34	25
CF Montréal	11	8	2	35	36	36
Orlando City	8	8	6	30	26	31
Columbus	7	5	9	30	27	22
Cincinnati	7	8	7	28	33	38
Charlotte FC	8	12	2	26	25	31
Chicago	7	10	5	26	24	28
New England	6	7	8	26	32	34
Inter Miami CF	7	10	4	25	22	33
Atlanta	6	9	6	24	29	33
Toronto FC	6	12	4	22	30	39
D.C. United	5	12	3	18	26	43

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	14	4	3	45	42	22
Austin FC	12	5	5	41	45	28
Minnesota United	10	8	4	34	31	26
Real Salt Lake	9	7	6	33	28	27
FC Dallas	8	6	8	32	32	25
Nashville	8	7	7	31	28	28
LA Galaxy	9	9	3	30	30	27
Portland	7	6	9	30	35	31
Seattle	9	10	2	29	28	25
Vancouver	7	10	5	26	24	37
Houston	7	11	4	25	28	31
Colorado	6	9	6	24	25	29
San Jose	5	9	7	22	34	40
Sporting KC	5	13	5	20	19	43

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 11p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Portland at Minnesota, 3p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 5p.m.
Columbus at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
New York City FC at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Miami, 8p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8p.m.
Toronto FC at New England, 8p.m.
Austin FC at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Orlando City at D.C. United, 5p.m.

TUESDAY'S MATCHES
Colorado at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Seattle, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
CF Montréal at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
Nashville at Portland, 10:30p.m.
Miami at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5
Houston at Vancouver, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6
Seattle at Atlanta, 3p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
New York City FC at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
Miami at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
New England at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Nashville, 8p.m.
LA Galaxy at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
San Jose at Austin FC, 9p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.
FC Dallas at Portland, 10:30p.m.

U.S. OPEN CUP
Wednesday, July 28 SEMIFINALS
Orlando City 5, N.Y. Red Bulls 1
Sacramento Republic FC 0,
Sporting Kansas City 0,
Sacra. Rep. FC advance 5-4, penalties

CHAMPIONSHIP, Sept. 7
Sacramento Republic (USLC) at
Orlando City, at Exploria Stadium, 8p.m.

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego	6	3	4	22	19	11
Portland	5	1	6	21	20	10
Chicago	5	2	5	20	20	16
Houston	5	4	3	18	20	14
Kansas City	5	4	3	18	12	14
OL Reign	4	3	5	17	11	9
Angel City	5	4	2	17	10	11
Orlando	3	5	4	13	12	26
Gotham FC	4	6	0	12	7	18
Louisville	2	5	5	11	13	18
Washington	1	5	7	10	11	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at North Carolina, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Louisville, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
San Diego at Chicago, 8p.m.
OL Reign at Angel City, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at Gotham FC, 5p.m.
Orlando at Kansas City, 7p.m.

TUESDAY'S MATCH
OL Reign at Louisville, 8p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5
Washington at Louisville, 8p.m.
North Carolina at Portland, 10:30p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE
FRIDAY, AUG. 5
Crystal Palace vs. Arsenal, 3p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6
Liverpool vs. Fulham, 7p.m.
Aston Villa vs. Bournemouth, 10 a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Leeds, 10 a.m.
Nottingham vs. Newcastle, 10a.m.
Southampton vs. Tottenham, 10a.m.
Chelsea vs. Everton, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 7
Brentford vs. Leicester City, 9a.m.
Brighton vs. Manchester United, 9a.m.
Man. City vs. West Ham, 11:30a.m.

WNBA	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	21	7	.750	—
Connecticut	19	9	.679	2
Washington	17	11	.607	4
Atlanta	12	16	.429	9
New York	10	17	.370	10½
Indiana	5	25	.167	17

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Las Vegas	20	8	.714	—
Seattle	18	10	.643	2
Los Angeles	12	15	.444	7½
Dallas	12	15	.444	7½
Phoenix	12	16	.429	8
Minnesota	10	19	.345	10½

x-clinched playoff spot

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota at Atlanta, late
Seattle at Connecticut, late
Washington at Dallas, late
Los Angeles at Phoenix, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Indiana, 7p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at Washington, noo
Dallas at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Connecticut, 1p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 2p.m.
Las Vegas at Indiana, 3p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 3p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 7p.m.

SEASON TOTAL TEAM	GP	OTO	FBP	PPG
Connecticut	28	524	340	12.1
Las Vegas	28	404	331	11.8
Seattle	28	493	328	11.7
Chicago	28	435	321	11.5
Dallas	27	403	314	11.6
Indiana	30	453	285	9.5
Atlanta	28	432	278	9.6
Los Angeles	27	475	272	10.1
Phoenix	28	471	270	9.6
Minnesota	29	404	237	8.2
New York	27	347	200	7.4
Washington	27	404	192	6.9

OTO-total points off turnovers;
source: wnba.com; through Wednesday

TENNIS

ATP CROATIA OPEN UMAC
Thursday at ITC Stella Maris, Umag,
Croatia, outroos, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#1 Carlos Alcaraz d. Norbert Gombos,
6-2, 6-3.
Franco Agamenone d.
#4 Sebastian Baez, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.
Marco Cecchinato d.
#8 Lorenzo Musetti, 6-4, 6-3.
Facundo Bagnis d. Corentin Moutet,
6-3, 6-1.

ATP ATLANTA OPEN
Thursday at Atlanta Station, Atlanta,
outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#2 John Isner vs.
Ben Shelton, late
#3 Alex de Minaur vs.
James Duckworth, late
#6 Jensen Brooksby d.
Mackenzie McDonald, 6-3, 6-4.
Adrian Mannarino d. Andres Martin,
7-5, 6-3.

ATP GENERALI OPEN
Thursday at Tennis Stadium Kitzbuhel,
Kitzbuhel, Austria, outdoor, Red-clay
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#3 Roberto Bautista Agut d.
Jiri Lehecka, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.
#5 Albert Ramos-Vinolas d.
#7 Pedro Martinez, 6-4, 6-2.
Yannick Hanfmann d. Dominic Thiem,
6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
Dusan Lajovic vs. Filip Misolic, ppd.

WTA LIVESPORT PRAGUE OPEN
Thursday at TK Sparta Praha, Prague,
outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#1 Anett Kontaveit d. Lucie Havlickova,
6-4, 6-3.
Nao Hibino d. #2 Barbora Krejickova,
3-6, 7-6(5), 6-3.
Linda Noskova, d. #5 Alize Cornet,
7-5, 1-6, 7-6(7).
#7 Anastasia Potapova d. Zhu Lin,
6-4, 7-6(8).

WTA BNP PARIBAS POLAND OPEN
Thursday at Legia Tennis Centre,
Warsaw, Poland, outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#1 Iga Swiatek d. Gabriela Lee, 6-3, 6-2.
#5 Caroline Garcia d.
Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 6-3, 7-5.
#8 Petra Martic d. Maja Chwalinska,
6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
#10 Jasmine Paolini d. Clara Burel,
6-1, 6-7(1), 6-0.
Viktoria Gladenko d.
Kristina Mladenovic, 6-7(4), 6-2, 6-1.
Katerina Baindl d. Sara Errani,
6-2, 3-0, retired.

ATP SEASON LEADERS ACES	A	MAT
1. John Isner	719	31
2. Reilly Opelka	532	34
3. Maxime Cressy	516	35
4. Alexander Bublik	503	38
5. Felix Auger-Aliassime	491	47
6. Hubert Hurkacz	473	40
7. Stefanos Tsitsipas	450	56
8. Nick Kyrgios	442	28
9. Marin Cilic	400	34
10. Taylor Fritz	398	39

SERVICE GM WON	PCT	GW	GM	MAT
1. Nick Kyrgios	93.49%	359	384	28
2. John Isner	91.82%	438	477	31
3. Reilly Opelka	90.97%	403	443	34
4. Hubert Hurkacz	90.11%	474	526	40
5. Maxime Cressy	89.33%	452	506	35
6. Matteo Berrettini	89.18%	346	388	28
7. Marin Cilic	86.62%	395	456	34
8. Carlos Alcaraz	85.86%	498	580	44
9. Casper Ruud	85.84%	497	579	46
10. St. Tsitsipas	85.75%	644	751	56

SERVE RATING	SVR	%15	AAM
1. John Isner	312.8	68.3%	2.4
2. Reilly Opelka	305.5	66.5%	2.2
3. Nick Kyrgios	300.7	65.9%	2.6
4. Hubert Hurkacz	294.1	63.9%	1.5
5. Matteo Berrettini	294.1	65.2%	2.1
6. Maxime Cressy	292.2	63.6%	7.9
7. Alexander Zverev	290.2	70.3%	3.2
8. Daniil Medvedev	286.0	63.4%	3.6
9. Stefanos Tsitsipas	285.5	61.4%	2.4
10. Novak Djokovic	282.2	64.8%	2.1

SVR-service rating; %15-pct. of 1st serves; AAM-average aces/match

WTA SEASON LEADERS ACES	MAT	ACES
1. Elena Rybakina	38	221
2. Caroline Garcia	45	36
3. Maria Sakrari	41	165
4. Ekaterina Alexandrova	33	160
5. Ons Jabeur	46	149
6. Aryna Sabalenka	33	149
7. Madison Keys	30	143
8. Paula Badosa	40	143
9. Karolina Pliskova	20	141
10. Petra Martic	30	139

SERVICE GM W%	MAT	SW%	BP%
Iga Swiatek	48	60.8%	61.4%
Sara Sorribes-Tormo	32	55%	52.8%
Simona Halep	40	61.9%	61.4%
Daria Kasatkina	41	54.5%	57%
Katie Volynets	8	48.6%	47.4%

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS	RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	777	—	12	
2	Ford	703	-74	4	
3	Toyota	698	-79	5	

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS	DRIVER	W	TS	T10	PTS
Chase Elliott	4	8	15	787	
Ross Chastain	2	10	14	682	
Ryan Blaney	0	7	10	676	
Kyle Larson	1	9	11	661	
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	3	9	654	
Christopher Bell	1	6	12	605	
Joey Logano	2	5	8	599	
Kyle Busch	1	6	11	595	
William Byron	2	4	5	572	
Kevin Harvick	0	5	11	571	

NFL PRESEASON

HALL OF FAME GAME THURSDAY, AUG. 4
Jacksonville vs. Las Vegas, 8 p.m.

WEEK 1 THURSDAY, AUG. 11
N.Y. Giants at New England, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUG. 12
Atlanta at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13
Kansas City at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Miami at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14
Minnesota at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m.

ODDS

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE	FRIDAY
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG
NY Mets	-144 at Miami +122
St. Louis	-186 at Washington +156
Philadelphia	-138 at Pittsburgh +118
at Atlanta	-220 Arizona +184
LA Dodgers	-210 at Colorado +176
at San Francisco	-148 Chi Cubs +126

AMERICAN LEAGUE
at NY Yankees -375 Kansas City +300
at Toronto off Detroit off
Cleveland -116 at Tampa Bay -102
at Houston -172 Seattle +144
at Chi White Sox-215 Oakland +180
Texas -112 at LA Angels -104

INTERLEAGUE
at Cincinnati off Baltimore off
Milwaukee -158 at Boston +134
at San Diego -126 Minnesota +108

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https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

GOLF

WOMEN'S SCOTTISH OPEN
1st of 4 rounds, Dundonald Links,Troon,
Scotland, U.K., 6,494 yards; Par: 72
Hye Jin Choi 32-32—64 -8
Celine Boutier 32-33—65 -7
Lydia Ko 32-33—65 -7
Lilia Vu 33-32—65 -7
Na Rin An 33-33—66 -6
Georgia Hall 32-34—66 -6
Leonie Harm 34-33—67 -5
Hyo Joo Kim 35-32—67 -5
Maude-Aimee Leblanc 34-33—67 -5
Alison Lee 32-35—67 -5
Minjee Lee 31-36—67 -5
Andrea Lee 32-35—67 -5
Pauline Roussin 34-34—68 -4
Nasa Hataoka 34-34—68 -4
Bronte Law 33-35—68 -4
Ryann O'Toole 33-35—68 -4
Jasmine Suwannapura 35-34—69 -3
Gemma Dryburgh 34-35—69 -3
Ally Ewing 35-34—69 -3
Ayaka Furue 35-34—69 -3
Eun-Hee Ji 35-34—69 -3
Moriya Jutanugarn 34-35—69 -3
Sei Young Kim 34-35—69 -3
Cheyenne Knight 35-34—69 -3
Xiyu Lin 35-34—69 -3
Gaby Lopez 35-34—69 -3
Wichanee Meechai 35-34—69 -3
Emily Pedersen 35-34—69 -3
Pornanong Phatlum 35-34—69 -3
Emma Talley 33-36—69 -3
Lindsey Weaver-Wright 35-35—70 -2
In Gee Chun 34-36—70 -2
Olivia Cowan 35-35—70 -2
Charley Hull 36-34—70 -2
A Lim Kim 36-34—70 -2
Jin Young Ko 37-33—70 -2
Nanna Koerstz Madsen 35-35—70 -2
Jeongeun Lee6 34-36—70 -2
Anna Nordqvist 34-36—70 -2
Sophia Popov 33-37—70 -2
Madelene Sagstrom 34-36—70 -2
Lizette Salas 35-35—70 -2
Yuka Saso 36-34—70 -2
Lauren Stephenson 32-38—70 -2
Pan. Thanapolboonyaras 33-37—70 -2
Anne Van Dam 37-33—70 -2
Christine Wolf 36-35—71 -1
Amy Yang 35-36—71 -1
Pia Babnik 35-36—71 -1
Becky Brewerton 35-36—71 -1
Chella Choi 34-37—71 -1
Allisen Corpuz 38-33—71 -1
Jodi Ewart Shadoff 36-35—71 -1
Nicole Garcia 34-37—71 -1
Kylie Henry 33-38—71 -1
Celine Herbin 36-35—71 -1
Maria Hernandez 37-34—71 -1
Jessica Karlsson 34-37—71 -1
Stephanie Kyriacou 35-36—71 -1
Sanna Nuutinen 36-34—71 -1
Hinako Shibuno 37-34—71 -1
Chanettee Wannasaen 36-35—71 -1
Ursula Wikstrom 36-36—72 E
Marina Alex 35-37—72 E
Annabel Dimmock 36-36—72 E
Hannah Green 34-38—72 E
Mina Harigae 36-36—72 E
Caroline Hedwall 37-35—72 E
Esther Henseleit 34-38—72 E
Alice Hewson 38-34—72 E
Wei-Ling Hsu 38-34—72 E
Haeji Kang 36-36—72 E
Megan Khang 36-36—72 E
Tia Kolivito 35-37—72 E
Jennifer Kupcho 35-37—72 E
Stephanie MacLaren 36-36—72 E
Stephanie Meadow 35-37—72 E
Paula Reto 35-37—72 E
Kelly Tan 37-35—72 E
Athaya Thitikul 36-36—72 E
Archipchaya Yubol 40-33—73 +1
Brittany Altomare 36-37—73 +1
Trichat Cheenglab 35-38—73 +1
Carliota Ciganda 38-35—73 +1
Lauren Coughlin 34-39—73 +1
Gabriella Cowley 37-36—73 +1
Perrine Delacour 35-38—73 +1
Amanda Grechi 38-35—73 +1
In-Kyung Kim 36-37—73 +1
Frida Kinhlult 39-34—73 +1
Hannah McCook 39-34—73 +1
Becky Morgan 37-36—73 +1
Inbee Park 35-38—73 +1
Sarah Schmelzel 37-36—73 +1
Magdalena Simmermacher 37-36—73 +1

HERO OPEN
1st of 4 rounds, Torrance Course,Kings-
barns, U.K., 7,230 yards; Par: 72
63 (-9)
Sean Crocker 30-33
Ashley Chesters 31-33
Jens Dantorp 32-32
Rodman Langasque 30-34
Adrian Otageui 33-31
Ben Stow 32-32
65 (-7)
Victor Dubuisson 32-33
Oliver Farr 32-33
Ross Fisher 34-31
Tom Gandy 29-36
David Law 31-34
Connor Syme 31-34
66 (-6)
Pep Angles 35-31
Adilson Da Silva 32-34
Oliver Fisher 32-34
Daniel Hillier 34-32
Scott Jamieson 33-33
Soren Kjeldsen 33-33
Dimi Papadatos 33-33
Alvaro Quiros 34-32
JC Ritchie 35-31
Jon Thomson 32-34



WNBA superstar Brittney Griner sits inside a defendants' cage before a hearing on Wednesday at the Khimki Court, outside Moscow. A

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large group of players.”

The Huskies are not rebuilding, not with Jackson, Sanogo and Hawkins forming the core of returning players, but the modern college basketball world makes for significant roster turnover every year. The experienced additions, Tristan Newton, Joey Calcaterra, Naheim Alleyne and Hassan Diarra, all guards, should provide a lot of bench strength.

“The thing I’m noticing is the depth,” Hurley said. “When you lose R.J. Cole, who was one of the best guards in the country last year, and Tyrese Martin, who, as it turns out, is an NBA level player, you worry so much about trying to replace them. You’re not necessarily going to get that production from a new player, but collectively, potentially, this is the best one through 10 or 11 since I’ve been here. The depth over the course of the season is going to be a foundation.”

Depth in basketball is a relative thing. It would not be hard to imagine UConn using 10 or 11 players early in the season against mid-majors, but when the Big East games begin, it’s not so easy to play an extended rotation. As last season wore on, despite the 23-10 record, Hurley did not have, or at least did not show a ton of confidence in his bench, which prompted four players to transfer out.

So this is the kind of roster Hurley wanted to build, basically what he described shortly after the Huskies were eliminated by New Mexico State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament — a roster that resembles his last team at Rhode Island, which went

26-8 and had eight players averaging more than 17 minutes, nine averaging more than 8 ½.

“I’m excited for practice to start,” Hurley said, “because this team reminds me of the best team I’ve had in college, the sixth year at Rhode Island, where we played nine or 10 players and that depth played really well. The strength of those Rhode Island teams was the number of guards, going five or six deep at the guard position.”

The Huskies spent the game up in the Yard Goats’ club, watching Portland, the Red Sox Double A affiliate, beat the Hartford nine, 9-4, a perfect, decompressing summer night to get away from the intensity of workouts on campus. Depth and chemistry will be important, but for UConn to reach its goals and expectations, its core players will have to make the big leap from year to year.

Jackson averaged 6.8 points and 6.8 rebounds and his athletic ability and all-around game needs more scoring punch. He’s asserting himself in a leadership role the way Hurley envisioned.

“Seriously old school,” Hurley said. “Captain. Like, old school throwback. He’s a unifier all the time, but he’s not afraid to jump somebody and demand more and address team issues. He’s a breath of fresh air. I don’t know how many guys like this you’ll get to coach in today’s game. It’s a blessing.”

Sanogo, the 6-9 junior who averaged 14.8 points, 8.8 rebounds, and could be the Big East’s preseason player of the year, is poised to take a step forward.

“Adama leads by example,” Hurley said. “He’s got a Michael Jordan, ‘Last Dance’ type of mentality about what he wants from his teammates.

Adama’s really, really tough guy to play with if you’re not *about it*. This is his team now, along with Andre and Jordan as well. In particular, Adama wants the responsibility to take this team far.”

UConn really needs Hawkins, 6-5, after a freshman season in which he was slowed by injuries, averaging 5.8 points, 14.7 minutes, to do more than scratch the surface of his scoring ability.

“Physically, he looks different,” Hurley said. “Obviously the shooting, and the athletic ability and there is a toughness about him that showed the second half of the year. Losing him late hurt. I think he’s going to surprise people.”

Last summer, Hurley’s theme, T-shirts and all, was “45:07,” a reference to the last game-plus in which the 2020-21 season fell apart in losses to Creighton in the Big East tournament and then Maryland in the NCAAs. So far, he hasn’t come up with a slogan for the Huskies’ next mission, but everyone knows what it is: to extend the season deeper into March in 2023.

“Obviously, we’re disappointed with what we’ve done in the NCAA Tournament,” Hurley said. “But our seasons, playing to a No. 7 seed after being down for a while, playing to a five seed, putting ourselves in position in the Big East Tournament [semifinals] — just play a little better and maybe have a chance to play for a championship. We feel good about our seasons, I think we have a lot more confidence as a program. For us, right now, it’s just about putting this team together.”

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UConn NOTES

Crawford signs with Giants for \$2.3 million

By Dom Amore and Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Reggie Crawford, the two-way player who turned heads at UConn, signed with the San Francisco Giants Thursday for a bonus of just under \$2.3 million.

Crawford, who is recovering from Tommy John surgery, was taken with the 30th pick of the first round of the MLB Draft on July 17. His 100-plus MPH fastball, on display before his injury in the Cape Cod League and with USA Baseball last summer, made him a first-round pick. Before his surgery, he was widely considered a top-10 pick.

At UConn, he played primarily at first base, hitting 14 homers with 78 RBI in 64 games. He struck out 17 batters in 7½ innings as a reliever.

Before the draft, Crawford transferred to Tennessee, a move seen as leverage to encourage a team to draft him high enough and offer enough to keep him from going back to college baseball. The “slot value” assigned to the No. 30 pick is \$2,486,800. The Giants achieved a small savings, signing Crawford for \$2,297,500, as reported by MLB.com’s Jim Callis, a figure likely agreed upon the day of the draft, when Crawford said he was “one-hundred percent going to sign.”

The Giants are willing to let Crawford try to be both a hitter and pitcher. He won’t be fully recovered from the surgery until next season, but he may get some minor league at-bats

this summer. If Crawford, 21, progresses through the Giants system quickly, he could come through Hartford with the Giants Double A affiliate at Richmond.

UConn lands field hockey Final Four: UConn will host the NCAA Division I field hockey Final Four Nov. 17-20 at the George Sherman Family Complex in Storrs.

The Huskies, who have won five national championships, have hosted the national championship game twice — in 1981, when UConn beat UMass to win the first NCAA title, and in 1997 when North Carolina won the championship.

Last year, UConn went 11-11, losing in the Big East championship game to top-seeded Liberty, 1-0.

The Huskies won their fifth national title in 2017, capping off their only perfect season at 23-0. They also won in 1985, 2013 and ’14.

“When we got the bid for it, it was before the pandemic, so the shape of our team is different now than it would have been, had there been no pandemic,” coach Paul Caddy said. “But I expect us to be a top 10 team. If we work hard and things go well, I think we’ll have a shot. And if we’re at home, it gives you an even better shot.”

One of UConn’s top players, Sophie Hamilton, who led the Huskies in scoring during the shortened 2020 spring season, went home to England and is now playing for Great Britain’s national team.

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the favorite for the job in a QB room packed with transfers.

Roberson, a redshirt junior, played in three games at Penn State last year and completed 11 of 28 passes for 85 yards. He also ran the ball 12 times for 24 yards.

“I knew who he was, because I followed recruiting,” Mora told The Courant in February. “A four-star kid out of one of the best high school programs in the country. When he popped in the portal, this was a guy we needed to try to connect with immediately. We were able to get him in here and show him what the plan would be for him and, I’ll tell you, he’s a really great kid. He’s impressive.”

Roberson isn’t the only new face in the QB room. The list also includes Zion Turner, a decorated three-star from St. Thomas Aquinas High in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Cale Millen, another three-star who committed to Oregon out of high school before transferring to FCS Northern Arizona last year.

Tyler Phommachanh will compete for the starting job after starting three games in 2021 before a season-ending injury. Phommachanh completed 35 passes on 72 attempts for 321 yards and one touchdown and also ran 24 times for 92 yards and two touchdowns. Jacob Drena is a Southington High walk-on also on the roster.

New quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator Nick Charlton joined Mora’s staff after spending 2018-21 as



UConn coach Jim Mora talks to his team during the Blue/White Football Showcase at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium on April 22 in Storrs. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

the head coach at the University of Maine.

2. Which transfers will fill the trenches?

Mora has rebuilt the offensive line, like he’s done with the rest of the program, with transfers. Jake Guidone, a grad transfer from Dartmouth, joined the Huskies in December and could play the center position despite earning All-Ivy League honorable mention as a blocking tight end in 2019. The Huskies also added Kyle Jeurgens from Boise State and Dayne Shor from Alabama. UConn was second-to-last in the FBS in first downs in 2021, and last in third-down conversion percentage.

Defensively, Sokoya McDuffie played defensive tackle at Old Dominion, recording 28 tackles, four sacks and 6 ½ tackles for loss

in 2021. He will likely fill a role at defensive end with junior Eric Watts at the DT position. Watts totaled 39 tackles, six for loss, a half sack, one fumble recovery and eight quarterback hurries in 10 games with the Huskies in 2021.

New offensive and defensive line coaches include Gordon Sammis from William & Mary and Kenny McClenDon from Youngstown State, respectively.

3. Where will help come from on defense?

Jackson Mitchell considered transferring after UConn’s one-win 2021 season. He was convinced by Mora and his staff to stay in Storrs and help lead the revolution despite being one of the few bright spots in 2019 and 2021. He was the team’s leading tackler with

120 last season, including 6 ½ for loss, and one sack.

“He’s a wise man for his age because he has been playing so much football here,” Spanos told The Courant. “The production is outstanding. I mean, top-10 tackler in the country. He leads by example. When he speaks, everybody listens. When I say everyone, I mean all three phases (of football) because if Jackson is talking, there’s a reason for it.”

Three-star Kentucky transfer Marquez Bemby will likely bolster the line-backer position alongside Mitchell with senior line-backer Ian Swenson on the other side. Swenson totaled 73 tackles, four for loss, one sack, four quarterback hurries and two pass breakups in 11 games for the Huskies in 2021.

Last year, UConn ranked 109th in the FBS for rushing yards allowed and 105th in passing yards allowed.

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season where all the people she cared about who were still at UConn, from coaches to teammates to other support staff, along with all of the fervent Husky fans, could come see her play as a professional.

“There was now a game on the schedule where I was going to have that little bit of a homecoming,” Bird said. “It’s been something that has been really special.”

When Bird looks back on some of her favorite moments playing in Connecticut across her legendary WNBA career, the one that stands out the most is from those early years of the franchise. The Storm made the WNBA Finals for the first time in 2004. That alone was a milestone career accomplishment for Bird and the franchise, but the impending matchup against the Sun meant the first game of the series would be played in Connecticut.

“I was really excited to come here to play in the Finals,” Bird said.

She was expecting the crowd at Mohegan Sun Arena to be cheering her on, as fans in the state of Connecticut had done for so long. But when she looked into the stands she saw what she describes as an “anti-Sue, anti-Storm” poster.

“At first I was like, ‘Well, that kind of hurts my feelings. I thought this was my home,’ ” Bird recalled. “But then I also had a moment where I was like, ‘Well, that’s actually pretty amazing, because there’s Connecticut Sun fans, right. And that was like the start I think of this franchise building its fan base.’

The Storm went on to win their first WNBA championship in that series, and Bird has led them to three more titles since. The accolades go on and on, from a record 13 WNBA All-Star selections, to five Olympic Gold Medals, to being the league’s all-time assist leader by a longshot.

The Connecticut fan base has followed along closely as she’s done so, continuing to support Bird long after she left Storrs. That makes for special interactions whenever she comes back to the state. Like when the Storm played here in June, the day after she announced her retirement, and Bird called room service at the Mohegan Sun hotel to order breakfast.

“My mom loves you,” Bird recalled the woman on the other end of the call saying. “She’s no longer with us, but she always cheered for you so hard.”

“Little things like that, right? That’s what the state of Connecticut, that’s what it represents. There’s always somebody in the state that has been a fan of the UConn program and a fan of us as individuals and comes out here and supports us.”

Bird will get one more chance to feel that support as a player on Thursday night. It’s the latest stop in a farewell tour that’s seen her celebrated in WNBA arenas across the country. The New York Liberty honored the point guard with designer apparel paying homage to her roots in the state, Diana Taurasi and the Phoenix Mercury presented her with a custom pair of Jordan’s, and former Storm teammate Tanisha Wright, now head coach of the Atlanta Dream, gave a touching tribute as well.

“It reminds me of Kobe’s last

year,” said former UConn star Gabby Williams, now Bird’s teammate with the Storm. “It was kind of like the Kobe [Bryant] tour. Everywhere they went, there was just Kobe fans waiting to see, everyone’s paying extra just to catch his last game. And that’s kind of how it goes with Sue. ... It’s homecoming everywhere we go. Especially obviously Connecticut too, it’s probably a lot more special.”

Another former Husky and longtime teammate with Bird, Breanna Stewart, has been jokingly referring to it as “Sue’s World Tour.”

“She deserves to be appreciated and she deserves to be shown that love in every place we go,” Stewart said. It’s definitely creating a greater appreciation for the WNBA, just however many sell outs we’re going to get at all of these arenas. But she’s had an amazing career in what she’s done obviously, statistically, winning championships, but the way she’s affected so many players — current, former — and changed a lot of lives on and off the court.”

Bird has tried to find the right balance of enjoying the experience while still competing at a high level as she aspires to go out on top with another championship.

“The emotion at times definitely catches up to me,” Bird said. “But in a good way. And then when I’m in the moment, I just like to celebrate it. ... In my private time, take those moments to reflect. And it’s not like a sad reflection, it’s definitely a happy one. But the emotion I think is just in that it’s over.”

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Patriots

Defense learns a lesson late in practice on Day 2

By Jim McBride
Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — It felt like the defense got jobbed.

Just moments after Mac Jones rolled to his left and hit Hunter Henry with a touchdown pass, the 11 Patriots in blue jerseys dropped and banded out some punishment pushups as the offense celebrated Thursday morning.

Considering the defense had forced 10 straight incompletions during the red zone period, it might have been more apropos for the offense to hit the deck.

The Jones-Henry connection came on the final play of practice, however, and according to veteran safety/blue jersey guy Adrian Phillips, that’s just how the cookie crumbles. And it’s a good early lesson for the season.

“Like, we know what’s coming, you know that generally the last two or three plays are going to decide it all,” Phillips said.

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disliking the timing of a late offensive play from his first-string unit and still needs to see more from Jones and that group.

At least the head coach said Wednesday that he recognizes how far his team has to go.

“I think we understand where we are at,” Daboll said at his opening press conference. “We are starting to crawl here, we are making progress, but we’ve got a long way to go.”

Daboll, who speaks to the media before practice, did offer some praise for Jones’ operation of the offense on day one.

“I thought it was good. I thought he was crisp in the huddle,” Daboll said Thursday morning. “He made some really tight throws, good throws. That’s why we worked redzone. Really wanted to get their legs back a little bit, and that’s an area that we’ve got to improve on.”

Daboll said the installation of the offense will

take time, as well. Early on, though, he’s not seeing enough consistent results from the offense.

Sizing up Saquon: Giants GM Joe Schoen spent some time after practice chatting on the field with Saquon Barkley’s agent, Kim Miale of Roc Nation. Schoen helped draft another Miale client, wide receiver Gabe Davis, to the Buffalo Bills in the 2020 fourth round.

Barkley, 25, is playing on the fifth and final year of his rookie contract. By all accounts, he’s put in the work this offseason to have a big season. Even Daboll noted that the Barkley “came in in shape.”

But the Giants’ running back said he has no specific expectations for in-season contract talk. He’s focused on doing his part.

“You can’t really focus (on) that stuff,” Barkley said. “Obviously that stuff’s in the air. My thing is if I take care of the little things and God blesses me and nothing crazy happens, the rest is gonna take care of itself.”



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Helene Fabian
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Hartford
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Thomas J. Fitzpatrick
Joanne M. Gotta
Manchester
Paul L. Buettner
New Britain
Lee Coleman
Giuseppe Zappulla
Newington
Helene Fabian

Other Towns in CT
David A. Berwick
M. Rosaline Leduc
Out of State
Edward J. Dias
Rocky Hill
Peggy L. Spina
Southington
Lee Coleman
West Hartford
Janice L. Semanski
Wethersfield
Giuseppe Zappulla
Windsor
Edward J. Dias

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Buettner, Paul L.

Paul L. Buettner, of Manchester, CT born July 9, 1953, passed away peacefully, with his family by his side on July 26, 2022. Calling hours for Paul will be held at the Holmes-Watkin Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Manchester, CT on Saturday, July 30th at 10:00 am with a funeral service immediately following at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at East Cemetery. Memorial donations are requested to East Hartford Rotary Scholarship Endowment Fund, Box 380035, East Hartford, CT 06138-0035 or any Animal Shelter. Please sign the online guestbook at www.holmeswatkins.com

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Fabian, Helene (Stoltz)



For someone who wanted everyone “to just be happy”, we couldn’t be any sadder to announce that Helene Fabian passed away with her loving husband of 60 years, Bill, by her side on July 27, 2022. Helene (Stoltz) Fabian was born in Hartford on August 13, 1939, to Albert “Smiley” and Lillian Stoltz. Helene was the proud mother of her four children Ronda (Jay) Guberman, David (Wendy) Fabian, Brad (Nancy) Fabian, and Amy (David) Roy and her eight grandchildren, Alyssa (pre-deceased), Zak, Tyler, Allie, Lily, Mason, Ricky, and Gianna. A graduate of Weaver High School, she attended Hillier College, where she met the love of her life, Bill. Helene retired after 14 years as a Military Payroll Officer for the State of Connecticut.

She was an avid Mah Jong player, loved hosting holiday dinners, travel, UConn Women’s basketball, trips to the casino, canasta, and most importantly spending time with her family. Helene’s slow pace allowed her to live life to the fullest. She leaves her brother, Melvin “Chubby” Stoltz, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was a lefty by hand, but lived her life right. Donations can be made in Helene’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Hospital. 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Funeral services will be today at 1:30PM in the chapel of the Weinstein Mortuary, 640 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, with burial in Congregation B’nai Shalom Cemetery, Wethersfield. A memorial period will be observed at her home through Sunday evening.

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Dias, Edward J.



Edward Joseph Dias, 62, has passed on to his eternal resting place in Heaven after suffering a heart attack in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, July 13, 2022. Ed was dearly loved by his family and many friends. He was friendly and easy to talk with about anything. A kind and generous person, Ed would always go out of his way to help others. He will be greatly missed. Ed was born to the late Joseph and Barbara (Costello) Dias on September 20, 1959, in Springfield, MA. He grew up in the Poquonock section of Windsor, CT. In his youth, Ed was a member of the Boy Scouts, rising to the rank of Eagle Scout. In Scouts he developed a great love for the outdoors, participating in many camping, hiking and canoeing trips with his brother and father. He graduated from Windsor High School in 1977, and then earned a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut’s School of Engineering in 1981. Following graduation, he moved to Florida to begin what would be a long career as a civil and plant engineer at the Florida Power and Light Company. He later worked as an independent consulting engineer helping to build power plants in Milford and Middletown, CT. After retirement, Ed spent some years in Clifton Park, NY, before returning to reside in the warmth of Florida. Ed always enjoyed coming home to spend time with family during holidays and family reunions (clambakes). He was athletic, artistic and intelligent. Like his mother and sister, Ed was an avid Red Sox fan, and he also enjoyed rooting for a number of other sports teams, including UConn Huskies basketball and Miami Hurricanes football. He was an excellent golfer and a formidable opponent when competing for FPL’s golf league and softball team. He had a passion for fishing, and also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, black-ink drawing and playing cards with his friends. He was one of the few people who could occasionally beat his mother at Scrabble. Ed leaves behind his brother Bob Dias and wife Kathy Jacques of Chelmsford, MA; his sister Carrie (Dias) Hagwell and her husband Steve of Clifton Park, NY; nephews Josh and Jack Hagwell of Clifton Park, NY, and Jordy Hagwell and his wife Kristen (Gorski) of Milford, CT; his Uncle Jack and Aunt Dot (Dias) Killeen of Wilton, NY; as well as many loving cousins and close friends. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, August 10 at The Lodge Community Chapel and Gathering Place, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor, CT. His family will receive friends from 4-5 p.m., the memorial service will begin at 5 p.m., and a reception will follow. All who would like to attend are welcome, but please RSVP to CTmemorial22@gmail.com by August 6 if you will attend the dinner reception. Ed’s Florida friends will hold a celebration-of-life golf outing and ceremony in the fall. For information, contact Jack at FLcelebration22@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ed’s memory to his good friend’s non-profit Children’s Health and Mentor Program (CHAMP) at www.mychamp.com (go to “Donate” and click “Special Recognition”). The Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is caring for the arrangements. For directions and online condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Fitzpatrick, Thomas J.



Thomas Joseph Fitzpatrick, 86, of Hartford, CT passed away Friday, July 22, 2022. Tom was born in Hartford CT on October 7, 1935 to the late Joseph and Marie (Smith) Fitzpatrick. As a young man, Tom joined and worked at the Trappist Monastery in Spencer, MA. Proud to be a Marine, he served from 1953-1957, mainly keeping the Panama Canal open and safe for passage. He then had a long career in the insurance industry as a claim adjuster for Home Insurance until his retirement. He loved his God, his family, and his many faithful and loyal friends. He will always be remembered for his great kindness and compassion, especially toward the sick and those in need. An avid reader, he could converse on any topic and always enjoyed a good discussion. His recall of facts and details and memories was truly remarkable; he remembered details of every person he encountered. He made friends every time he walked through the door, enjoying long walks in his favorite places including Elizabeth Park rose garden, the beach at Point o’ Woods, and the neighborhoods he called home including East Hartford, Hartford, and West Hartford. Tom was always positive, uplifting others with his authentic care and concern. He was a humble man and joked that he wanted the shortest obituary ever printed: “I was born into a wonderful family, I lived a good life, I tried, and I died.”

Thomas is survived by his great-nieces Megan and Kelsey Costello of Long Island, NY; cousins Donald Fay of Vernon, CT and Carolyn Klopsis of Long Island, NY. Tom adopted many friends whom he referred to as his “a la familia!”. They include Luis and Mille, Mercedes, Jennifer, Melvin, Faith, and Danny; to list just a few. Tom had a great many lifelong friends (some going back 83 years!) including Tony, John, Sally, Terry, Jane, Sister Barbara, Sister Mary, Kelly, Joan, Cindi, Frank, Ron, Lisa and Carol, along with many others. He was predeceased by his sisters, Sr. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Joan Costello and her children, Eileen and Kevin Costello, his aunt Dorothy and uncle James Fitzpatrick. He will be missed and remembered daily and forever by so many of us who loved him.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Monday, August 1, 2022 at 10am at St. Patrick - St. Anthony RC Church. There are no calling hours. Inurnment to follow at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT. Reception will be held immediately after at the Hollander reception room. The Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home, 1276 Berlin Tpke, Wethersfield, CT has charge of arrangements. To share a memory of Thomas, please visit dillonbaxter.com



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Gotta, Joanne M.



Joanne M Gotta, 92, of Hartford, CT passed away peacefully on Friday, July 22, 2022. Joanne was born on August 21, 1929 in Hartford, CT to the late Theresa (Lenti) Gotta and Joseph Gotta.

After graduating from Hartford High School in 1947 Joanne ended up assuming significant household responsibilities at a very young age when her father passed in 1948, and her mother was required to enter the workforce in order to support the family. Over the years she and her mother travelled together often to visit her siblings as well as a trip to Italy where other family members resided. She was very much the family historian maintaining records and communication with relatives across the board. She lived with her mother taking excellent care of her until her passing in 1984.

Joanne entered the workforce in 1951 with the Travelers Insurance Company, her only employer, for just shy of 40 years before retiring in 1990. At one point she managed approximately 50 people which was quite significant for a woman in that era of business. Despite owning a car, she (and her mother) commuted daily on public bus transportation their entire working careers.

After retiring she volunteered at the main Hartford Public Library and spent many days at the Newington Senior Center while also assisting in many activities there. She was a regular communicant of St. Lawrence O’Toole Catholic Church in Hartford for much of her adult years.

She was very much a fighter that enabled her to get to her advanced age, surviving an early life bout of cancer and later a stroke. As a single individual she was also very pragmatic, not ever wanting to be a burden to others by ensuring her personal matters were well attended to. A huge supporter of UConn Women’s Basketball and a lifelong fan of the Boston Red Sox, after years of disappointment (and Yankee punishment from her brother), she was very happy to see the team become a winner!

Joanne is survived by her sister-in-law’s Josephine and June Gotta and her eight nieces and nephews and their spouse’s Gregory Gotta (Ann), Thomas Gotta (Ana), Jeffrey Gotta (Debby), Andrea (Gotta) Ladd (Jeff), and Jennifer (Gotta) Sullivan (Brian), Jonathan Gotta (Jennifer), Joseph Gotta Jr. (Camille), and Michael Gotta. Besides her parents, Joanne was predeceased by her three brothers, Henry, Louis, and Joseph Gotta Sr., Louis’ wife Meredith, and her niece Julie Gotta.

Funeral services will be Tuesday August 2, 2022. Calling hours will be from 9:00 - 10:00 AM at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, CT. 06040, followed by burial services. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Spina, Peggy Lou

Peggy Lou Spina of Rocky Hill went to sleep in death on June 14th 2022 after a short illness.

She was a member of the Wethersfield Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

She was predeceased by her husband Alfonso Spina, also of Rocky Hill and is survived by her son Nick Spina and his wife Nancy of New Smyrna Beach FL., her son Tony Spina and his wife Pamela of Bolton CT., and three grandchildren, Sofia Luongo, Matthew Spina and Christopher Spina.

A Memorial service will be held at Abbey Funeral Home, 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill CT. on July 30th at 1pm.

More information about Peggy’s life and her family can be found on Abbey’s webpage

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Cassell , Gerald A



Gerald A. Cassell, Jr., 56, of Hartford, beloved son of the late Anne and Gerald Cassell, passed away on Monday, July 25th. Jerry was raised in West Hartford and attended West Hartford schools and Saint Thomas Seminary. He took great pride in volunteering at various soup kitchens. He enjoyed listening to music, often taking us back to our younger days. He loved spending time with family and never passed up an opportunity to cheer on the New York Giants. He also had the most wonderful laugh and found pleasure in whatever life offered. In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his brother, Ed Cassell. He will be deeply missed by his sisters, Margaret Tautic (Randy), Bridget Dunn (Peter Alesevich), Louise Svaletad (Scott) Catherine O’Brien (Andrew) as well as many nephews and nieces. Private services will be held for the family. Memorial contributions can be made to Loaves and Fishes Ministries, 646 Prospect Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105. Jerry will forever be known as someone who was kind and generous to others. His family would greatly appreciate your random act of kindness in his memory.

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Semanski, Janice L. (Sbrocco)



Janice L. (Sbrocco) Semanski, 84, of West Hartford, CT passed away on July 20, 2022. Janice grew up in the Elmwood section of West Hartford and attended William H. Hall High School. She was a former member of St. Brigid Church where she received First Communion, was confirmed and married before moving about the United States

and finally returning home to West Hartford in her retirement.

Janice loved her family and remained close to them throughout her many moves. She never forgot a birthday or anniversary and was always on time with a card and a special handwritten note to mark the occasion. She loved helping people and found her calling in retail careers with A.C. Petersen, JC Penney and Alltel Wireless.

Janice was also a fierce advocate for the underdog and social justice long before it was a popular term. She believed that all people should be treated equally and with respect. While Janice did not have many hobbies, she did enjoy music and loved a good sale, especially if it was an item for one of her children or grandchildren. She was an avid Yankees fan, and could not wait for baseball season to begin, rarely missing a game.

While Janice was thankful for the many blessings bestowed on her, her life was filled with many challenges and marked with much heartache, she continued to move forward as giving up was not her style. She was a fighter who took solace and gained strength from the Serenity Prayer: God grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Janice was predeceased by her husband, Paul A. Semanski and her youngest son, Christopher L. Semanski. She leaves behind two sons: Paul J. Semanski of West Hartford, CT and his wife Rosemary; James A. Semanski and his wife Cathy of Lake Hopatcong, NJ. Janice also leaves two sisters: Lucille Hill and her husband Arnold of Berlin, CT; Carol LeBaron and her husband John of Harlem, GA; four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for all who knew her, will be held at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, on August 4, 2022, at 11:00 A.M. followed by a graveside service at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, CT. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.

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Zappulla, Giuseppe



Surrounded by his loving family, Giuseppe (“Pippo” or “Joe”), 84, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, July 27. He was the loving husband of Rosa (Mollica) Zappulla of 57 years. He was born in Florida in Sicily, Italy on February 13, 1938 to the late Ignazio Zappulla and Salvatrice (Nastasio) Zappulla. He attended trade school in Milano, Italy for fashion design in 1961 and became a Clothing Designer. He migrated to the “land of opportunity” 57 years ago through Ellis Island to live the American dream, but remained very proud of his heritage. He worked as a Tailor at G.Fox & Co., Stackpole Moore Tryon and Manchester Modes. He then pursued his dream and desire to be an entrepreneur. He opened a dress shop in Hartford, G&S Fashions for many years followed by another dress shop in New Britain called Joanne’s Sportswear and finally a laundromat and alterations shop, still in existence today and run by his son whom he taught the trade to, Maple Laundromat. He was a very talented, hardworking Tailor working endless hours with his wife alongside the entire way and worked until just weeks ago. He was a gentle, kind, selfless, loving and proud Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather who always put everyone first especially his family. He loved gathering with the family on holidays and special occasions, “the more the better”, everyone was welcome. He often would lead the card games and Tombala with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a passionate gardener tending to his many plants at his home, plots in Old Wethersfield and at his son’s house. He could make anything grow with his green thumb. Besides his wife, Joe leaves behind his 3 children, Joanna Zappulla and fiancé, Joe Carbone of Newington, Joseph Zappulla of Hebron, and Silvana Bagdasarian, and husband Mark of Wethersfield. Joe was a proud Grandfather of 7 grandchildren to Mark, Matthew and Justin Bagdasarian, Francesco Tata and wife Jessica, and Jessica Tata, Joey and Aleksandra Zappulla and a Great Grandfather of 4 to Jaime and Julian Tata and Liam and Isabella Ahern. The family would like to thank Dr. Silver and the loving nurses and staff at Regional Cancer Care Associates as well as the nurses and aides from Hartford HealthCare at Home for their compassion and kindness especially during this last week. Donations in Giuseppe’s name can be made to The American Cancer Society.

Family and friends are invited for a time of visitation on Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 8:30am-9:30am at the D’Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield followed by his Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am in St. Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Ave., Hartford. Entombment will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. For directions or to share a memory with the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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